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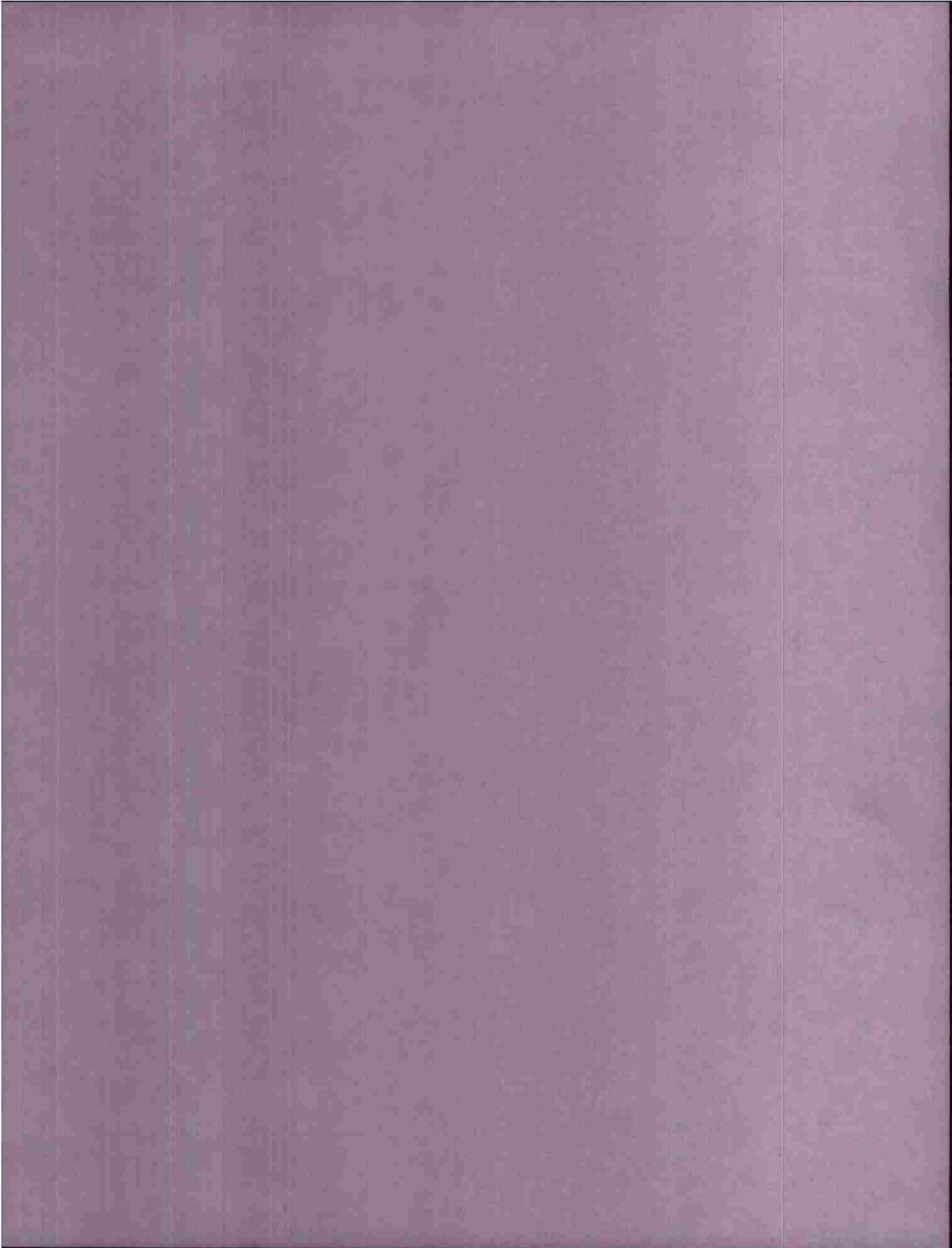
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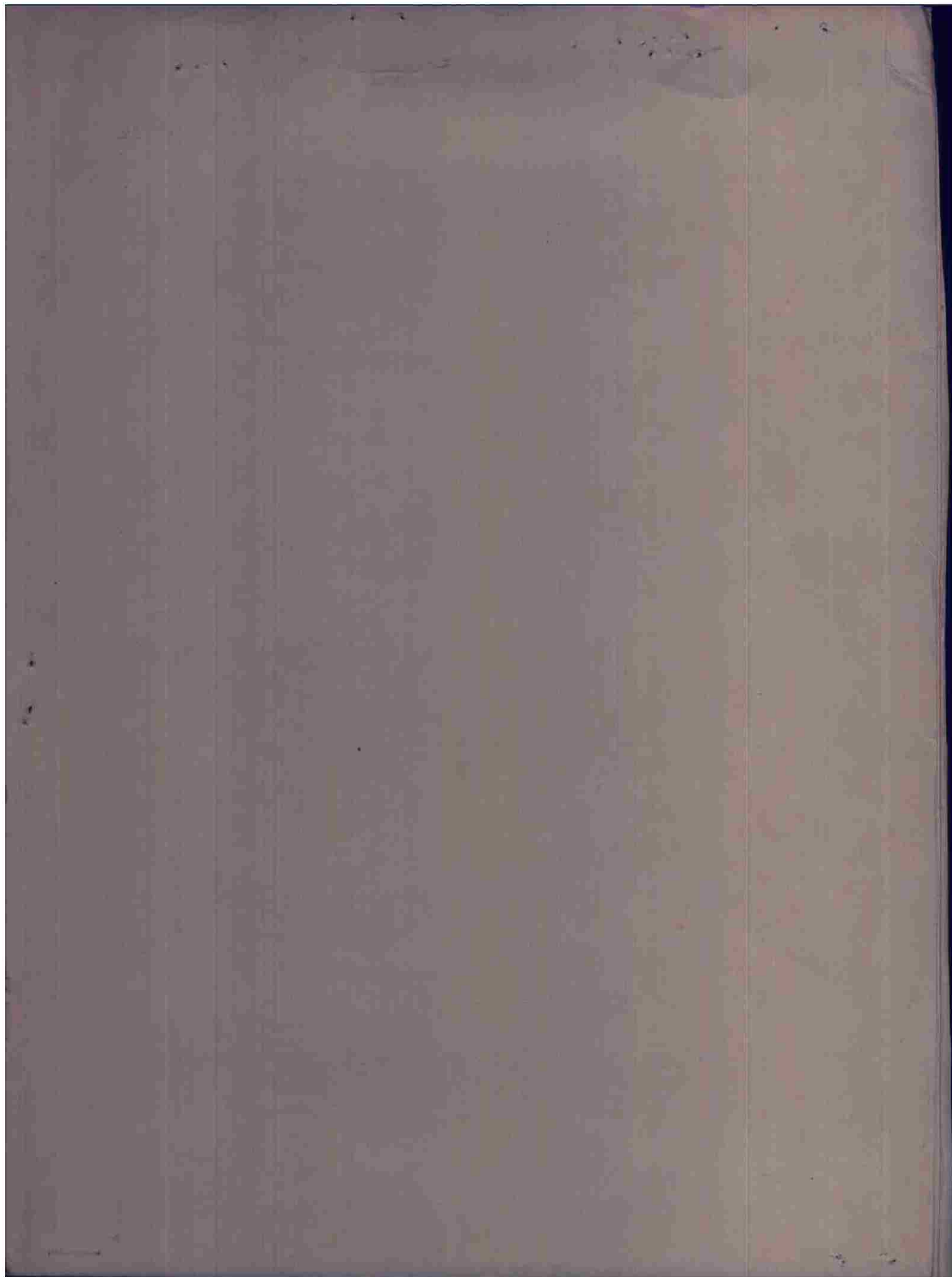
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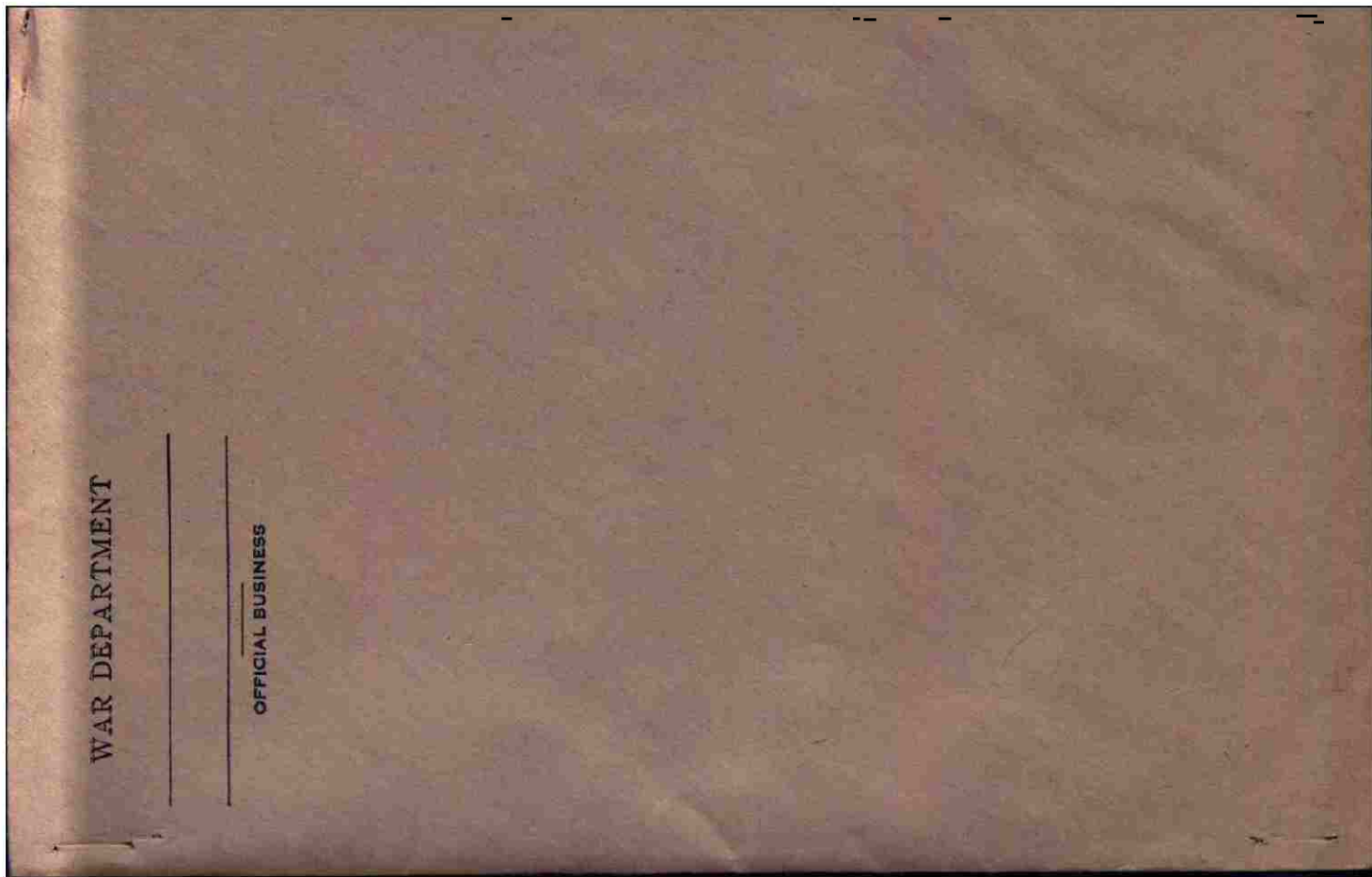
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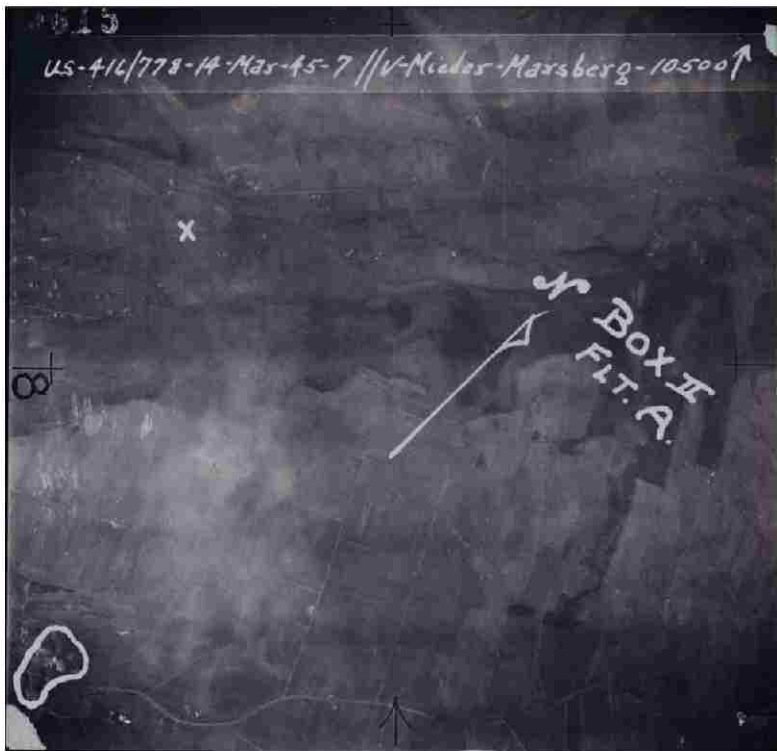
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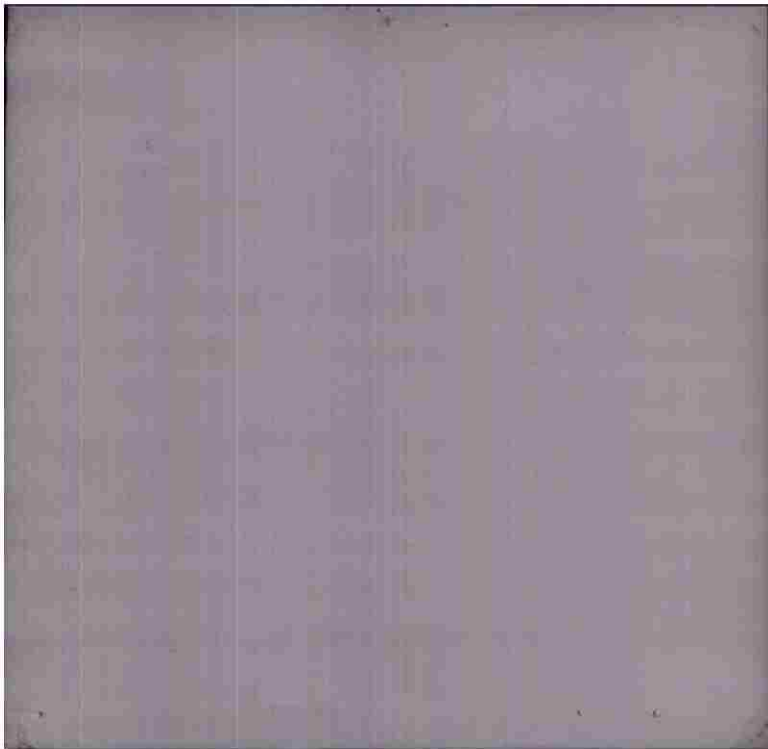
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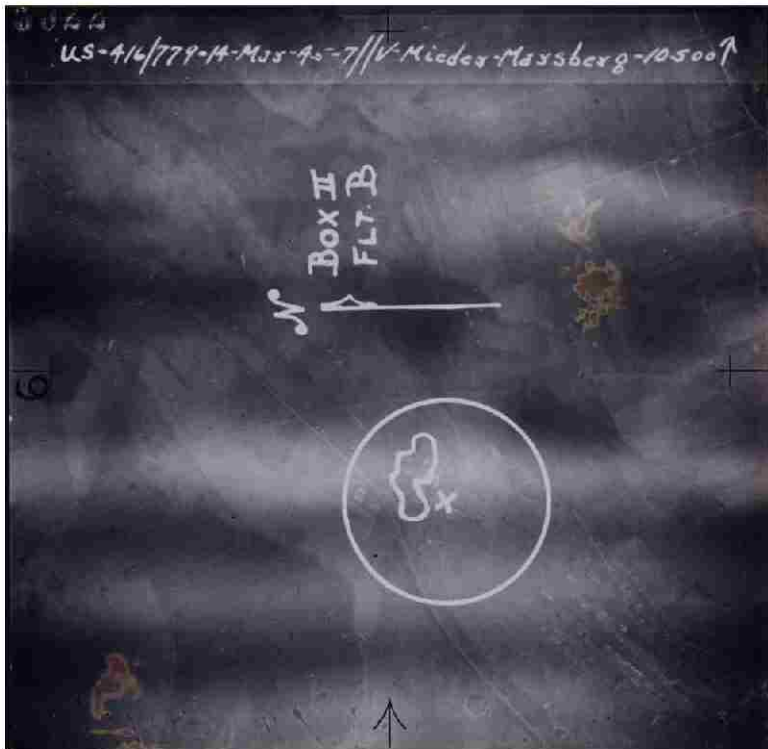
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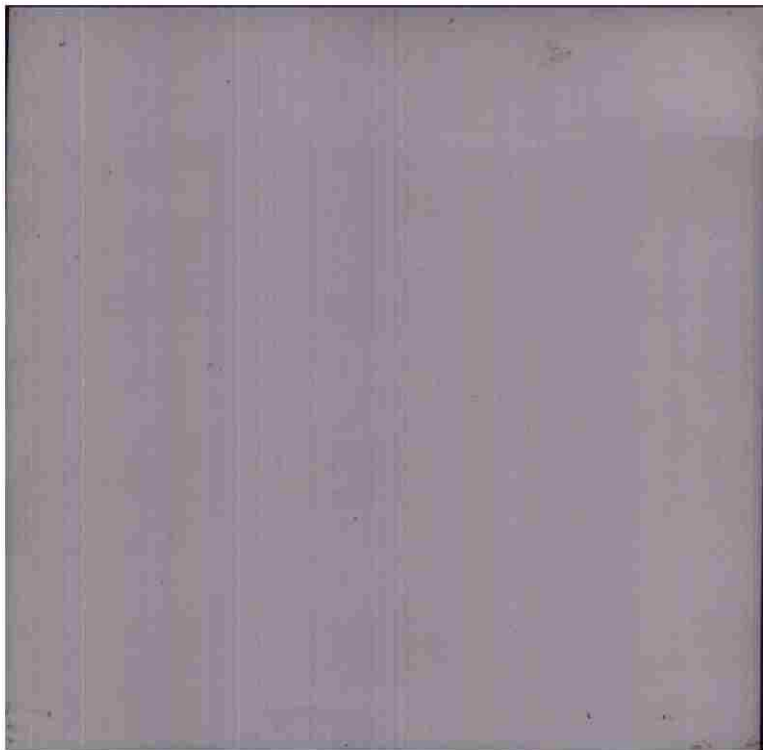
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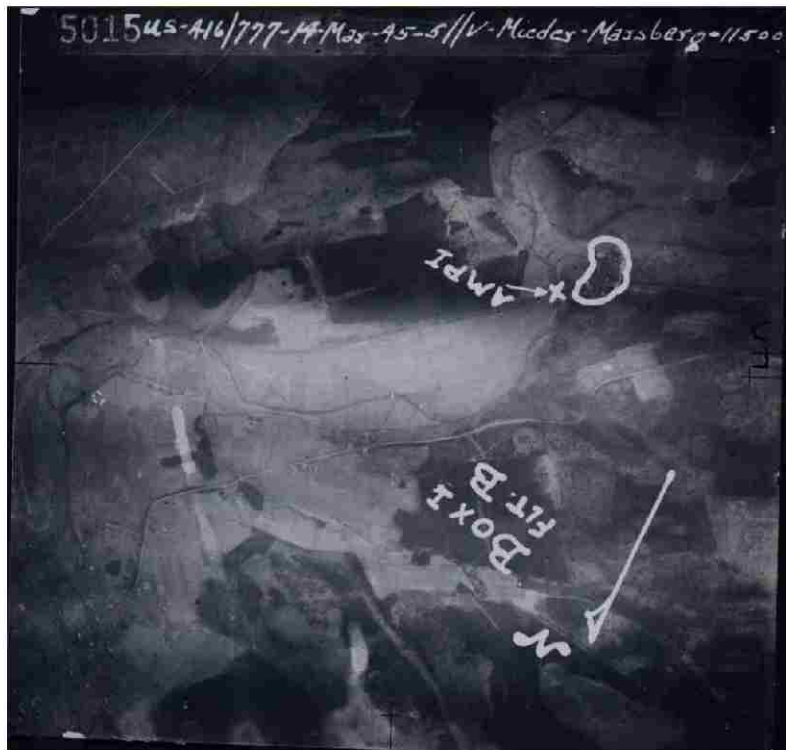
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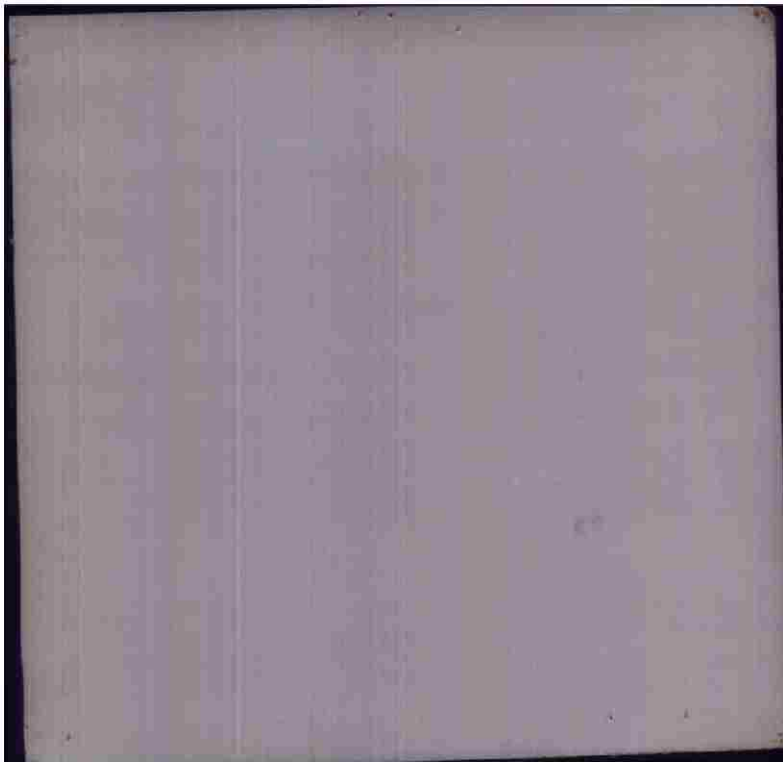
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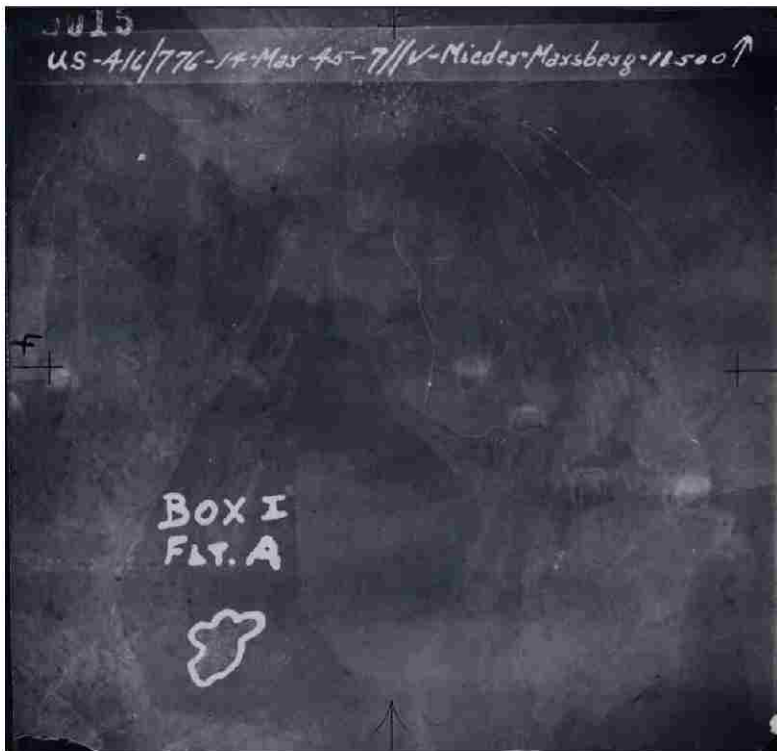
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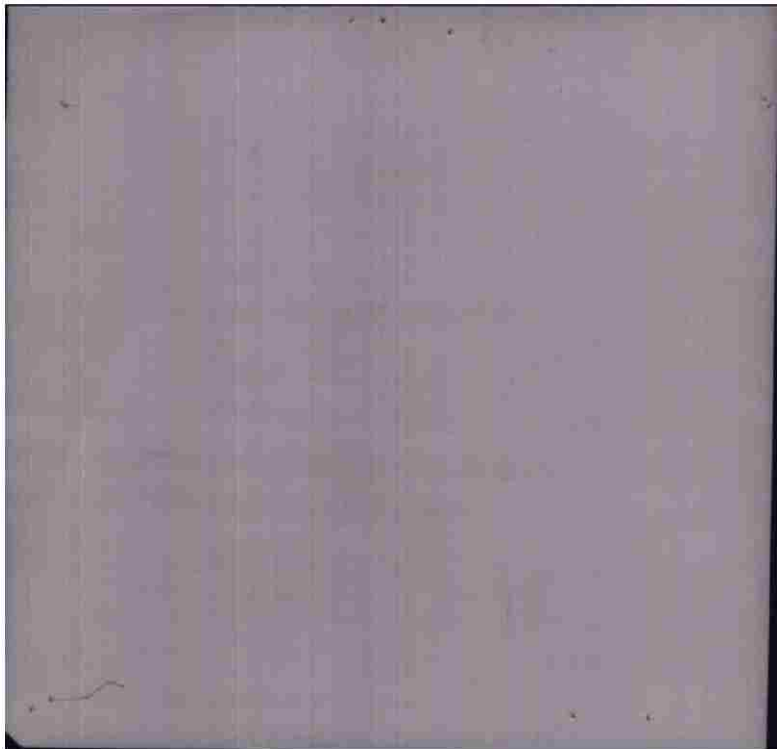
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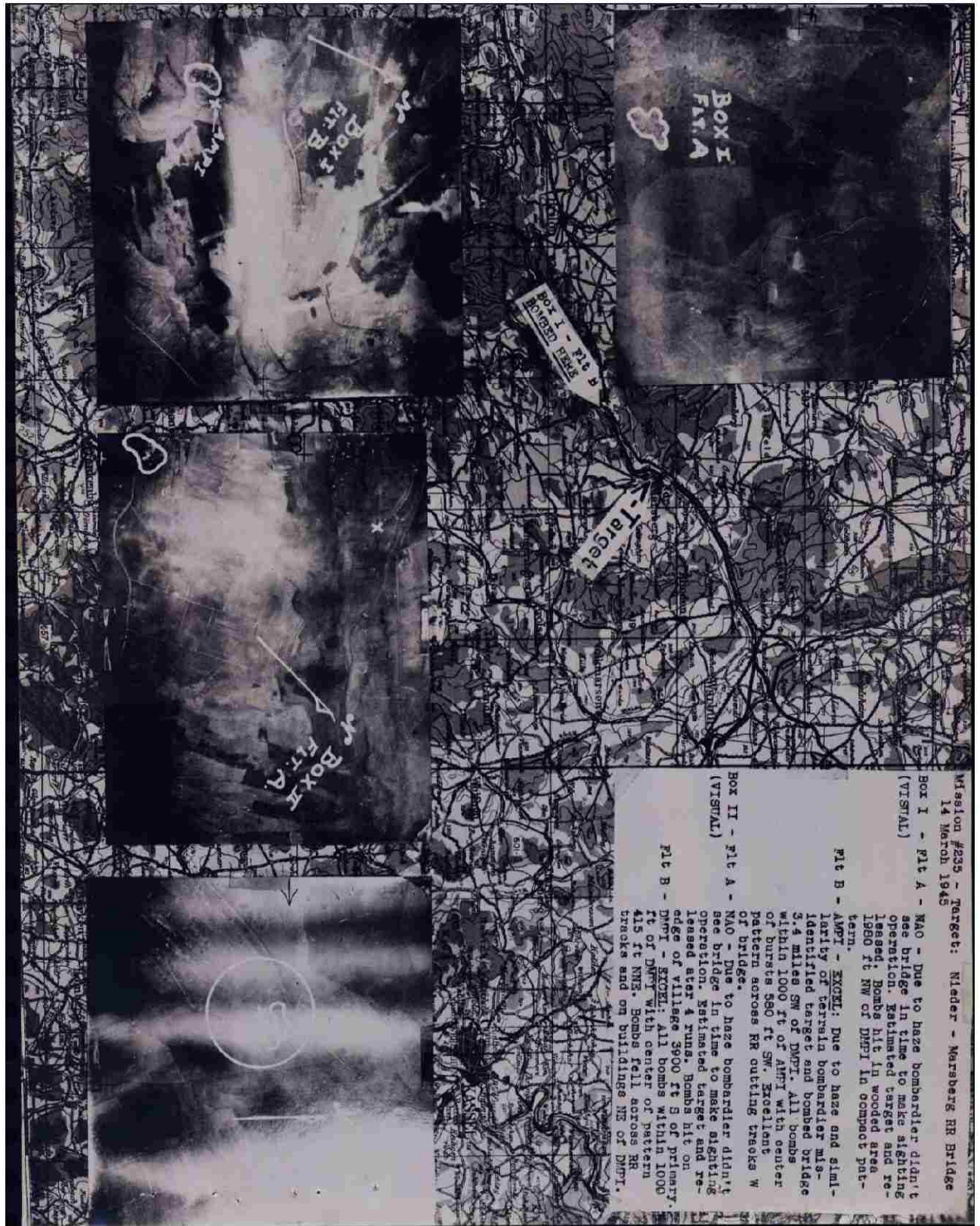


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Mission #235 - Target: Nieder - Marsberg RR Bridge
 14 March 1945

Box I - Plt A - NAO - Due to haze bombardier didn't see bridge in time to make sighting operation. Estimated target and released. Bombs hit in wooded area 1980 ft NW of DMPT in compact pattern.

Plt B - AMPT - EXCEL: Due to haze and similarity of terrain bombardier mis-identified target and bombed bridge 3.4 miles SW of DMPT. All bombs within 1000 ft of AMPT with center of bursts 880 ft SW. Excellent pattern across RR cutting tracks W of bridge.

Box II - Plt A - NAO - Due to haze bombardier didn't see bridge in time to make sighting operation. Estimated target and released after 4 runs. Bombs hit on edge of village 3900 ft S of primary DMPT - EXCEL: All bombs within 1000 ft of DMPT with center of pattern 415 ft NW. Bombs fell across RR tracks and on buildings NE of DMPT.

(VISUAL)

Plt B -

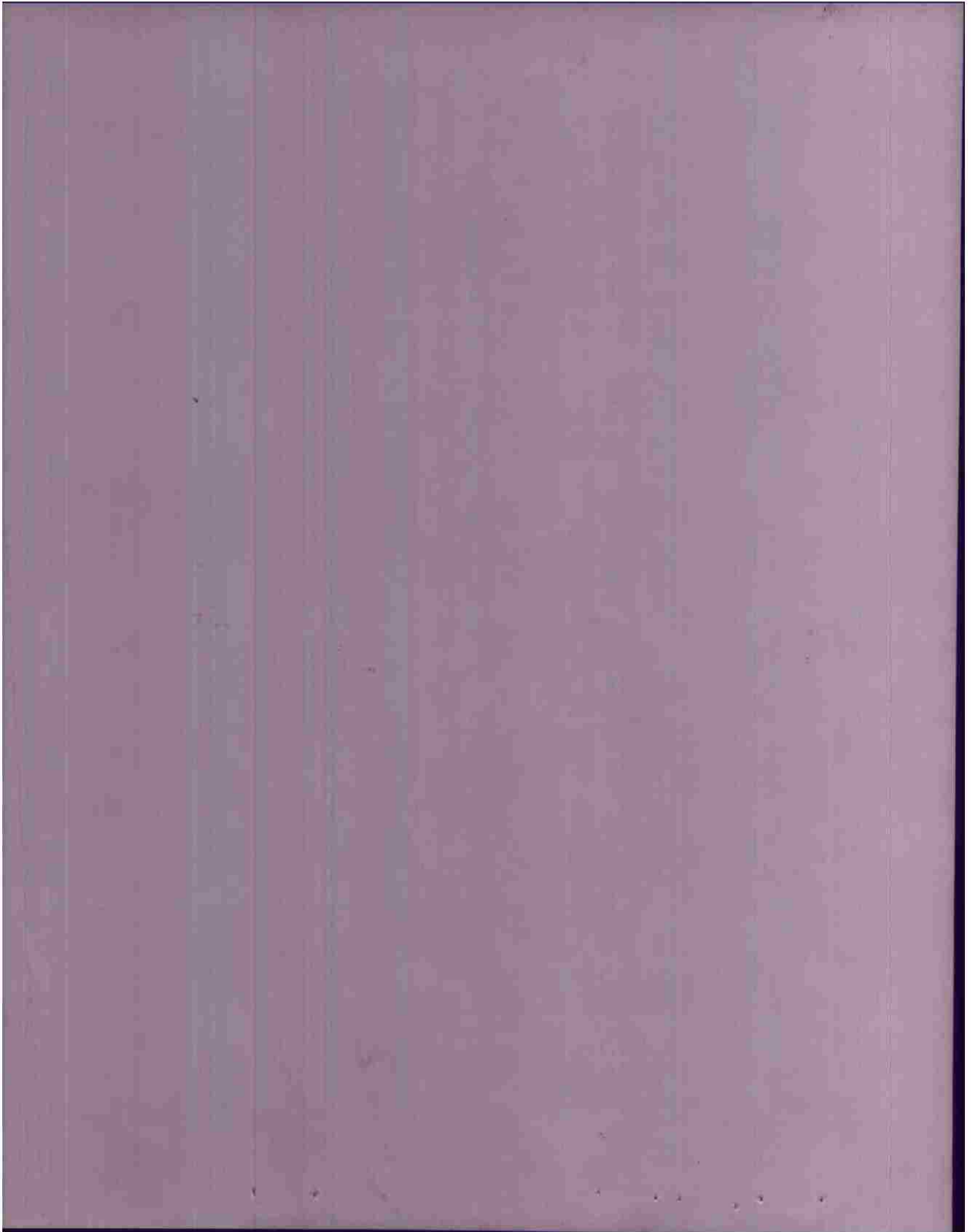
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Box I - Plt B
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Box I
 Plt A

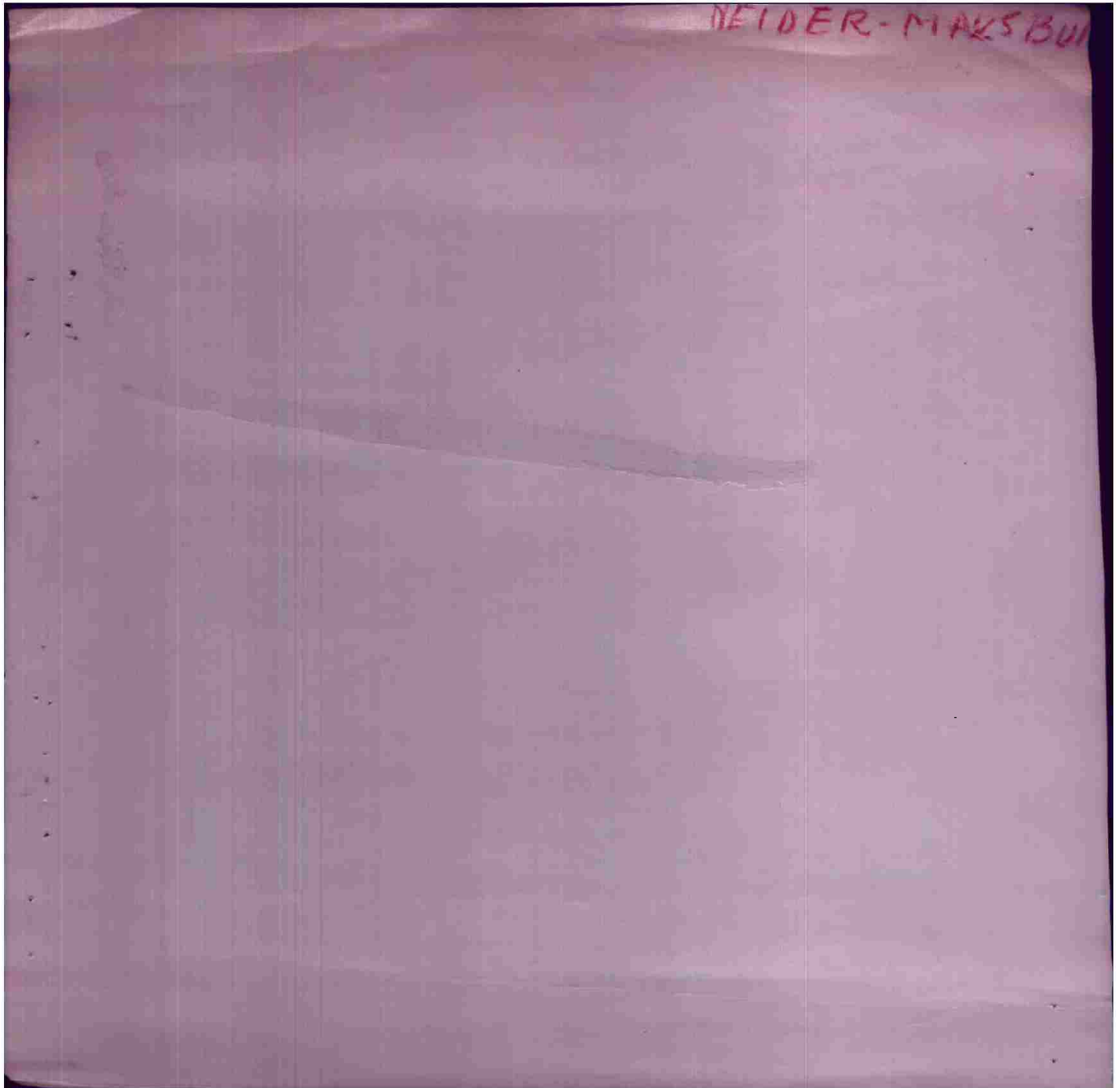
Box I
 Plt B

Box II
 Plt A





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RR/BR B 783196



9TH B.D. S-2 REPORT 1000A

416 TF	9TH B.D. (M) WING 9761	B
GROUP	DATE 14 MARCH 1945	NIEDER - MARSBERG
OTHER UNITS: TARGET		RR BRIDGE
	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION	TARGET FIT

A. TARGET BRIEFED NIEDER - MARSBERG RR BRIDGE PRIMARY
SECONDARY

M.T.I. CENTER OF RR BRIDGE.

A.P.

(3 WINDOW SHIPS)

C. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED 28 A-26'S. OF A/C ATTACKING 25

D. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 18's 6'S IN FOLLOWING ORDER 4, 1, 2, 3.

E. NO. AND SIZE OF BOMBS DROPPED 100 X 1000 GP 1/10 ---- 1/100

F. HEADING OF A/C WHEN BOMBS DROPPED

BOX I	FLT A - 350°	-- 1524 ¹ / ₂
	FLT B - 360°	-- 1524 ¹ / ₂
BOX II	FLT A - 03°	-- 1531 ¹ / ₂
	FLT B - 98°	-- 1520 ¹ / ₂

G. TIME BOMBS DROPPED

H. ACTIVITY AT TARGET

I. RESULTS OF BOMBING:

BOX I FLT A: NAO (VISUAL) DUE TO VERY HEAVY HAZE BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO SEE BRIDGE IN TIME TO MAKE A SIGHTING OPERATION. ESTI²MATED LOCATION OF BRIDGE AND RELEASED, BOMBS HIT IN COMPACT PATTERN 1980 FT NORTH WEST OF DMPI. BOMBS FELL IN WOODED AREA.

FLT B: AMPI EXCEL DUE TO VERY HEAVY HAZE AND SIMILIARITY OF TERRAIN BOMBARDIER MISIDENTIFIED TARGET AND BOMBED BRIDGE 3.4 MILES SW OF DMPI. ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT RADIUS OF AMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 580 FT SW. BOMBS HIT IN EXCELLENT PATTERN ACROSS RR WITH SEVERAL HITS CUTTING TRACKS W OF BRIDGE.

BOX II FLT A: NAO (VISUAL) DUE TO VERY HEAVY HAZE BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO PICK UP TARGET IN TIME TO MAKE A RUN. ESTIMATED POSITION OF BRIDGE AFTER MAKIN 4 RUNS AND RELEASED. BOMBS HIT ON EDGE OF LITTLE VILLAGE AND ACROSS ROADS 3900 FT S OF PRIMARY.

FLT B: DMPI EXCEL ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH CENTER OF PATTERN 415 FT NNE. BOMBS FELL ACROSS RR CUTTING TRACKS AND ON BUILDINGS NE OF DMPI.

Clayton W. Zesiger
CLAYTON W. ZESIGER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Photo Intelligence Officer.

H B.C.S-2 Form No. 106-B Prepare separate sheet for each target bombed

OPERATING UNIT: TARGET	IX BC	ING	27TH
:	DATE		
:	ATTACKING UNIT		416TH GROUP
:	FIRST PHASE INTERPRETATION		TARGET HIT

1. TARGET BRIEFED _____ PRIMARY _____
 _____ SECONDARY _____
 _____ CASUAL _____

M.P.I. _____
 A.P. _____

2. TARGET ATTACKED _____ MILES FROM THE PRIMARY _____
 DIRECTION FROM PRIMARY _____

3. COORDINATES (If non-descript PINPOINT) _____ ON 1:50,000 MAP NO. _____

4. NO. AND TYPE OF A/C DISPATCHED _____ NO. OF A/C ATTACKING _____

5. BOMBING BY 3's, 6's, 12's, 16's _____ IN FOLLOWING ORDER _____

6. NO. AND TYPE OF BOMBS DROPPED _____ FUSING _____
 _____ FUSING _____

7. HEADING OF A/C WHERE BOMBS DROPPED _____

8. TIME BOMBS DROPPED _____

9. ACTIVITY AT TARGET _____

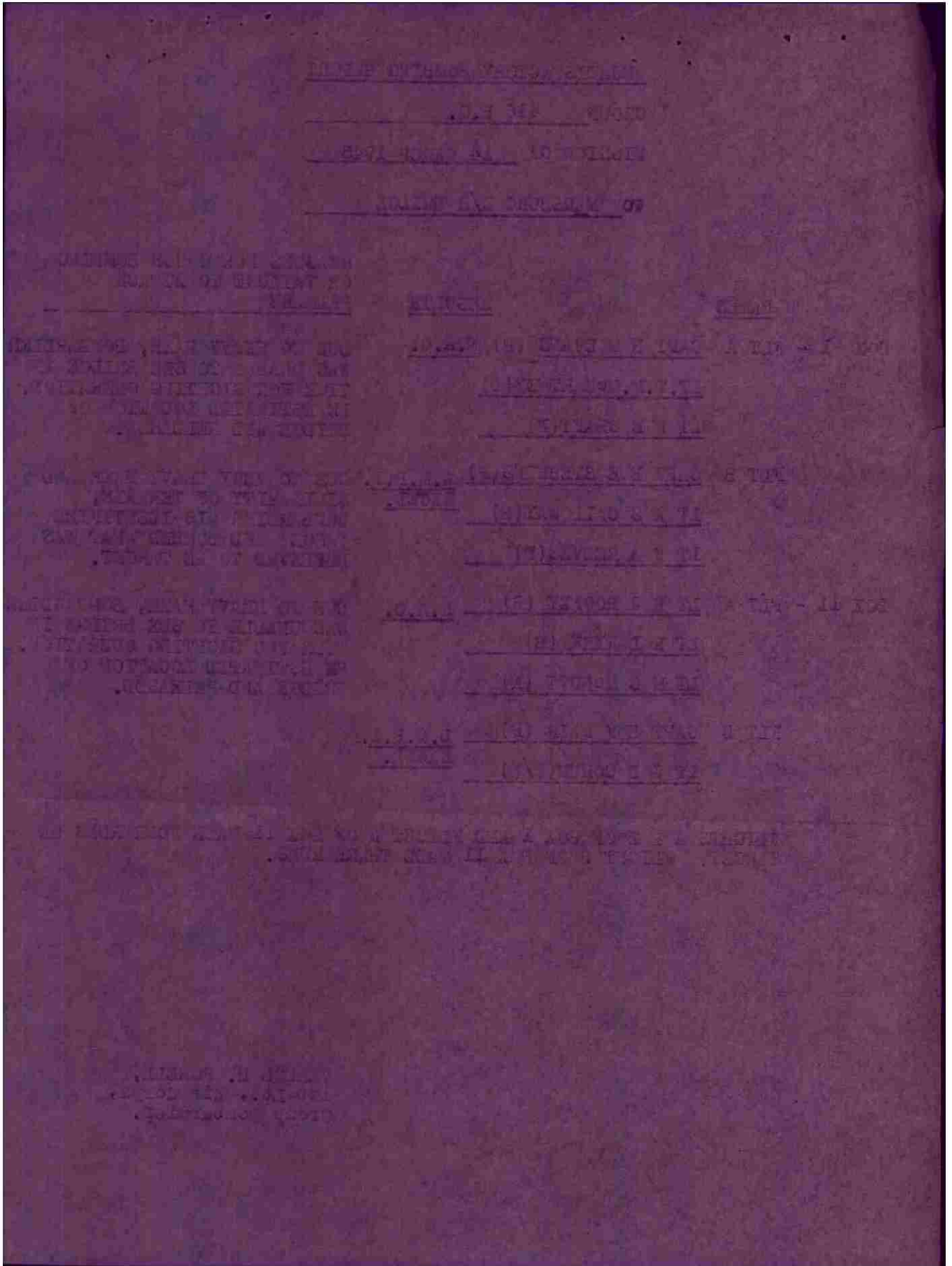
10. RESULTS OF BOMBING: _____

UNSATISFACTORY BOMBING REPORTGROUP 416 B.G.MISSION OF 14 MARCH 1945TO MARSBURG R/R BRIDGE

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>REASONS FOR GROSS BOMBING OR FAILURE TO ATTACK PRIMARY</u>
BOX 1 - FLT A <u>CAPT H M EVANS (P)</u> <u>LT T M MCCARTNEY (B)</u> <u>LT R E SHAFT (N)</u>	<u>N.A.O.</u>	DUE TO HEAVY HAZE, BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO SEE BRIDGE IN TIME FOR SIGHTING OPERATION. HE ESTIMATED LOCATION OF BRIDGE AND RELEASED.
FLT B <u>CAPT B E STEBBINS (P)</u> <u>LT A S GALLOWAY (B)</u> <u>LT F A REEVES (N)</u>	<u>A.M.P.I.</u> <u>EXCEL.</u>	DUE TO VERY HEAVY HAZE AND SIMILARITY OF TERRAIN, BOMBARDIER MIS-IDENTIFIED TARGET AND BOMBED WHAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE TARGET.
BOX 11 - FLT A <u>LT R J ROONEY (P)</u> <u>LT R L KIRK (B)</u> <u>LT M G McNUTT (N)</u>	<u>N.A.O.</u>	DUE TO HEAVY HAZE, BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO SEE BRIDGE IN TIME FOR SIGHTING OPERATION. HE ESTIMATED LOCATION OF BRIDGE AND RELEASED.
FLT B <u>CAPT H F PAIR (P)</u> <u>LT J L CORUM (B/N)</u>	<u>D.M.P.I.</u> <u>EXCEL.</u>	

FLIGHTS A & B OF BOX 1 AND FLIGHT A OF BOX 11 MADE FOUR RUNS ON TARGET. FLIGHT B OF BOX 11 MADE THREE RUNS.

VERNON H. POWELL,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Group Bombardier.



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NINTH AF CONSOLIDATED REPORT IX BD(N) / SA 1026(A) TARGET: NIEDER-MARBERG RR/BR 4416/Q3 - RB/783196(B) SORTIE: US 416/779(C) DATE: 14 MAR 45 TIME: 1520 - 1531 A(D) ATTACKING A/C: 25 A-26's BY 6's (3 WINDOW A/C)(E) BOMBS: 100/1000 GP 1/10 N., 1/100 T.(F) COVER: TARGET IS VISIBLE ON PRINTS OF VERY POOR
QUALITY BECAUSE OF HAZE.

(G) RESULTS OF BOMBING: BOMBS OF FLT II-B FORM PATTERN
BLANKETING NE APPROACH TO BRIDGE. BOMBS OF FLT
I-A FELL IN WOODS 2200' NW OF TARGET. BOMBS OF
FLT II-A FELL ACROSS ROADS AND BUILDINGS
APPROXIMATELY 4400' SSE OF BRIDGE. FLT. I-B
MISIDENTIFIED TARGET AND BOMBED RR/BR AT
RB/750153 ABOUT 3½ MILES SW OF DESIRED MPI,
WITH BURST BLANKETING SW APPROACH ABOUT 400' FROM
BRIDGE.

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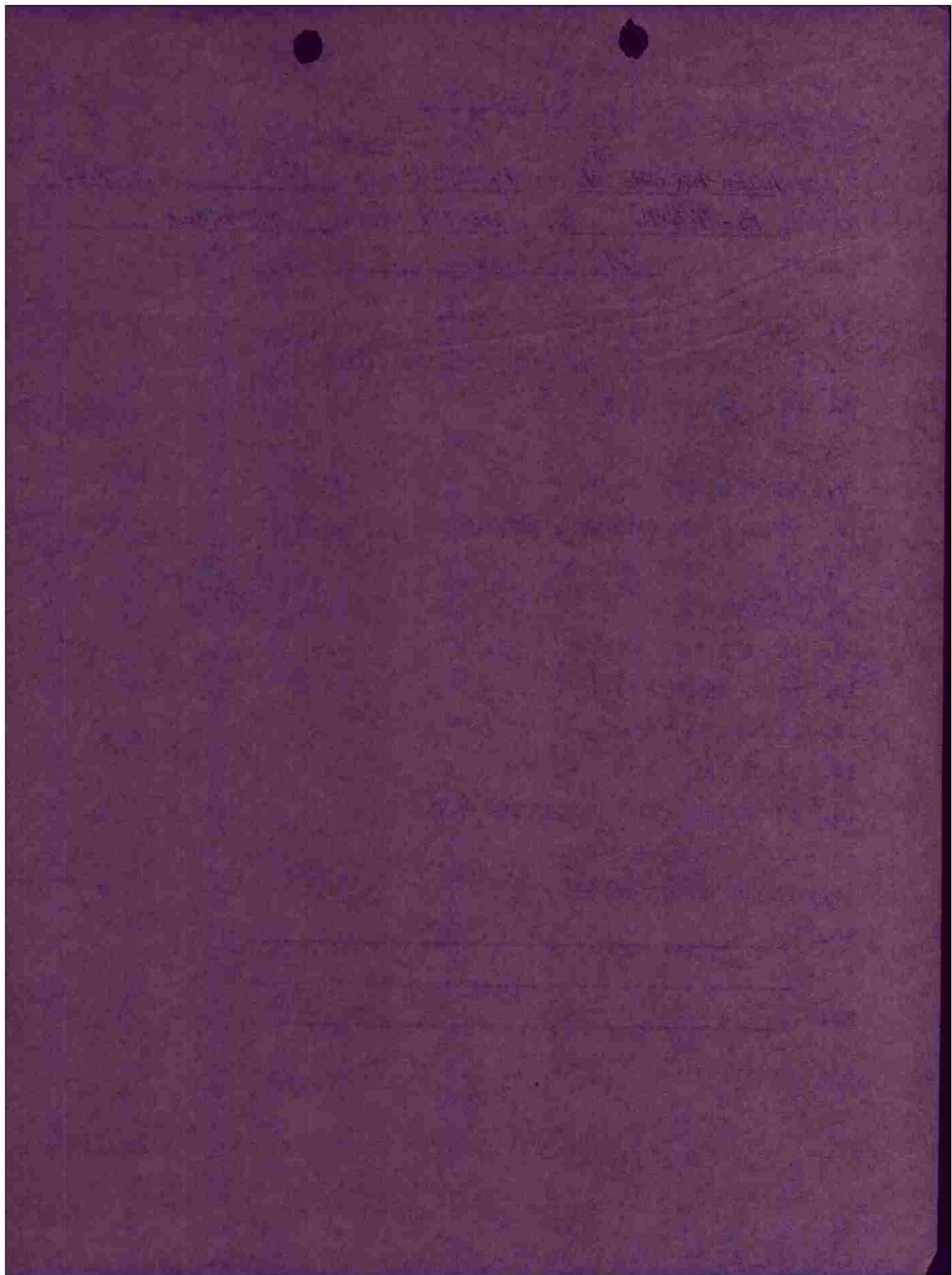
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9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION (M)

Field Order #791

MISSION SUMMARY #74

APO # 140
14 March 1945Section I

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>MISSION RESULTS</u>
410 BG:	Babenhausen (M-884505) Landing Ground	Box I, Flight A - Excellent Flight B - N.A.O. Flight C - Superior
		Box II, Flight A - Excellent Flight B - N.A.O. Flight C - Superior
391 BG:	" "	Box I, Superior
		Box II, Excellent
344 BG:	" "	Box I, Flight A - No attack Flight B - Undet. (AMPI) Flight C - No Attack
		Box II, Good (AMPI)
		Box III, Superior (AMPI)
409 BG:	Pracht (F-936416) Railway Bridge	Box I, Flight A - Superior Flight B - N.A.O. Flight C - Excellent Flight D - Superior
		Box II, Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Unsat. Flight C - Excellent Flight D - Excellent
322 BG:	Niedorscheid (G-393357) Railway Bridge	Box I, Flight A - Superior Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Excellent Flight D - Excellent
		Box II, Flight A - Excellent Flight B - Excellent Flight C - Excellent Flight D - Excellent
386 BG:	Colbe (G-735527) Railway Bridge	Box I, Flight A - Undet. Flight B - Undet.
		Box II, Flight A - Good Flight B - Unsatisfactory

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Box II, Flight " - N.A.O.
Flight B - Undetermined
Flight C - Unsatisfactory

Box I, Flight A - Superior
Flight B - Unsatisfactory
Flight C - Unsatisfactory

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Box II, Flight A - N.A.O.
Flight B - Excellent (SMI)

Box I, Flight " - N.A.O.
Flight B - Excellent (SMI)

716 BG: Nodon Messberg (B-783196)
Railway Bridge

Box II, Flight " - Excellent (SMI)
Flight B - Undetermined
Flight C - Unsatisfactory.

Box I, Flight " - Superior
Flight B - Excellent
Flight C - Good

397 BG

Box II, Flight " - Fair
Flight B - Excellent
Flight C - Excellent

Box I, Flight " - Excellent
Flight B - Excellent
Flight C - Unsatisfactory (SMI)

387 BG: Gross Osthelm (M-931786)
Landing Ground

Box II, Flight " - Excellent (SMI)

Box I, Flight " - Excellent (SMI)
Flight B - N.A.O.
Flight C - Excellent (SMI)

323 BG: Golbe (C-735527)
Railway Bridge

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GROUP NARRATIVE

Nine groups attacked four railway bridges and two landing grounds recording SUPERIOR to UNDETERMINED results. The tenth group attacked Secondary, while the eleventh group attacked Other targets.

Babenhausen (Landing Ground)

410 BG: 33 a/c dispatched (including 30 A-20, 3 B-26), 24 dropping 144 x 500 GP on Primary, 6 dropping 36 x 500 GP on OTHER. 3 window a/c.

No losses, 7 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

Group leader contacted Ripsaw 2 minutes before entering tactical area and received desired fix.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,000 - 11,000 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 98% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Desired long pattern centered in landing area 395' E of DMPI, with bursts falling short and walking over DMPI. Pattern extended along taxi strip for approximately 1500', with eastern edge of pattern extending into dispersal area.

Flt. B - N.A.O. Bombardier made sighting operation and indicators crossed, but bombs did not go away. Master switch in pilot's cockpit was not on and when this switch was turned on bombs went away bursting in fields 1 mile NNE of Primary.

Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Long narrow pattern centered in landing area 125' SSW of DMPI. Pattern extends over a distance of approximately 800' x 300' with all bombs inside target area.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 99% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Desired long pattern centered in landing area 700' WNW of DMPI. Pattern blankets area approximately 1200' x 450' with all bombs inside target area.

Flt. B - N.A.O. Because of bombsight malfunction (reason undetermined at time of this report), bombs went away prematurely. No bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Bombs centered in fields SSW of village of Kl. Unstedt, 4.7 miles S of Primary target.

Flt. C - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Desired long pattern centered in landing area 245' WNW of DMPI with bursts blanketing area 1000' x 400', 90% of bombs falling inside target area.

391 BG: 39 a/c dispatched, 37 dropping 1036 x 100 GP on and in vicinity of Primary 2 a/c, due to personnel error, released early on town of Gross Unstedt (M-860420). Wing bombardier chose to drop on leader of Box I rather than drop on own box leader.

No losses, 6 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

Group leader contacted Ripsaw prior to entering tactical area and received desired fix.

Visual bombing by boxes from 9,000 - 10,000 feet.

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409 BG: 50 a/c dispatched (including 38 A-26, 12 A-20), 41 (32 A-26, 9 A-20) dropping 128 x 1000 GP, 32 x 500 GP on Primary; 6 a/c (5 A-26, 1 A-20) dropping 20 x 1000 GP, 4 x 500 GP on OTHAR. 2 window a/c.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical.

1 a/c lost, 9 a/c battle damaged, 1 crewman injured.

The a/c (A-20), mentioned above as lost, crashed at K-465005, 12 miles S of Liège after all of the crew bailed out. 1 crewman was injured. Reason for crash is undetermined.

Group leader contacted Sweepstakes 1 minute after entering tactical area and received desired fix.

Visual bombing by flights from 7,500 - 11,000 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Center of excellent concentration is approximately 250' S. of DMPI. Northern edge of pattern blankets the DMPI, and there are probable direct hits or near misses to the bridge at this point.

Flt. B - N.A.O. - Bombardier's a/c was on single engine. He therefore salvaged his bombs. Photos show bombs in forest and open fields, location unknown. Other members of flight report bombs SW of target.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs are within 1000' radius of DMPI. Center of excellent concentration approximately 415' WSW of DMPI. Pattern blankets eastern end of bridge and its approaches, with probable damage to both bridge and tracks in the area of the strikes. Photo coverage is from an oblique camera and the exact definition of the bomb pattern is therefore impossible.

Flt. D - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs are within 1000' radius of DMPI. Center of excellent pattern is approximately 180' W of DMPI. Pattern blankets DMPI and all of the over-water span W of it, as well as the adjacent western bridge approaches.

NOTE: Photos from the second box show that bombs from the first box have severely damaged the western approaches to the bridge and have probably made thru traffic impossible.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Center of excellent concentration approximately 390' ENE of DMPI. The southern portion of the pattern has hits or near misses to the eastern end of the bridge and its approaches. Pattern also covers approximately 320' of the double-track rail line running NW to Rosbach.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. Bombardier bombed on 6th pass with extended vision set in sight. No bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Center of excellent pattern in open fields approximately 2.1 miles E of the bridge (F-917417). There are probably some hits or near misses to minor roads in the area of strikes.

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Center of good concentration is approximately 575' SE of DMPI. Bombs are in river and open fields S and SE of the bridge.

Flt. D - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Center of excellent concentration approximately 440' SE of DMPI. Bombs are in river and open fields.

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Leader contacted sweepstakes upon entering tactical area and received desired fix.
No further casualties.
5 other a/c damaged. It is not known whether these a/c were damaged by flak or by fragments of bombs from mid-air collision of bombs.
6 crewmen are missing from the 2 a/c mentioned above.

Last seen in target area.
1 a/c is missing. This a/c was seen losing gas and altitude immediately after explosion of lost a/c. It was under control at 5,000 feet when The a/c mentioned as lost was seen to explode over target. No chutes seen.

386 DG: 26 a-26 a/c dispatched, 24 dropping 96 x 1000 Comp. B on Primary. Bomb disposition unknown of 2 a/c, one lost and one missing.

Gothe (Railway Bridge)

hits on S approach and on houses.
114. D - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Excellent concentration 370' W of DMPI, with probable hits on S approach.
114. G - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Excellent concentration 340' E of DMPI, with hits on S approach and on houses.
114. D - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Excellent concentration 640' E of DMPI covering buildings and single track railroad.

Box II - 114. A - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 95% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good pattern 640' E of DMPI covering buildings and single track railroad.
114. D - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Excellent concentration 375' W of DMPI with probable hits on houses and a main highway.
114. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good concentration fell 380' E of DMPI in open fields and across the single track line.
114. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Good concentration centered about 390' E of DMPI, with bombs falling in open fields and across a single track rail line.

Box I - 114. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. All bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Excellent concentration 120' E of DMPI with several probable direct hits to target.
Visual bombing by 114s from 9,350 - 11,300 feet.

Group leader contacted Ripman upon entering tactical area, but did not receive answer as Ripman was talking to fighters.
No further losses or damage, 1 other crewman wounded.
1 a/c lost. This a/c received direct hit in cockpit and was seen to crash and explode at E-850130, 1 mile S of Bonafeld. 1 chute observed from waist window, 6 crewmen missing.

322 DG: 48 a/c dispatched, 47 dropping 94 x 2000 GP on Primary. 1 a/c lost - 2 x 2000 GP safe 4 miles W of Mougton (friendly territory) due to one engine cutting out.

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Visual bombing by flights from 10,000 - 12,000 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Due to evasive action of camera a/c, bursts do not appear on negatives. When bombs are plotted after bombs away, it is believed that bursts should occur very near the bridge. Bombardier reports excellent results on second bomb run.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No vertical photo coverage, although from an oblique photo taken by a K-20 hand operated camera, smoke can be seen near the target, and it is believed that this smoke is from bursts of both Flights A & B, and it is possible that bridge received hits or near misses. Bombardier reports bombing in smoke of Flight A on second run.

Box II - Flt. A - DMPI - GOOD. Two camera a/c in flight are missing due to battle damage. However, from camera a/c in Flight A of Box I, which bombed on second run, new bomb craters can be seen about 900' NE of DMPI in open fields. More than 40% of bomb craters are within 1000' radius of DMPI.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. Haze and change of altitude of leader prevented accurate bombing. No bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Concentrated pattern centers 6600' SW of DMPI in woods. No military damage apparent.

323 BG: 27 a/c dispatched, 19 dropping 76 x 1000 GP on Secondary; 2 a/c dropping 8 x 1000 GP on bomb run at G-282355 (1 a/c had early release due to mechanical malfunction and dropped bombs. 1 other a/c dropped on this release.); 2 a/c dropping 8 x 1000 GP on turn off target at G-374412 when bombs could not be salvoed over target. 3 window a/c.

1 a/c failed to bomb: personnel.

No losses, 3 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

Group leader contacted Sweepstakes 3 minutes after entering tactical area and received desired fix.

Visual bombing by flights from 10,600 - 12,700 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - SMPI - EXCELLENT. (Briefed Secondary) Haiger Railway Junction (G-304381) was bombed on instructions from Parade when contact was not made with escort. Bombardier selected own MPI as this was a GEE target and not briefed for visual bombing. All bombs were within 1000' radius of SMPI in good concentration. The MPI of bursts is 360' S of SMPI. Bombs hit in fields paralleling R.R. tracks. One salvo hit on tracks just N of SMPI.

Flt. B - N.A.O. This target was briefed only as a GEE secondary. There was no briefed AP and bombardier failed to spot target. The bombay doors of Flight A were open and bombardier decided to drop on group leader. Bombs fell in split pattern E of flight lead bombs. No military damage is apparent.

Flt. C - SMPI - EXCELLENT. (Briefed Secondary) Haiger Railway Junction (G-304381) was bombed on instructions from Parade when contact was not made with escort. Bombardier selected own MPI. All bombs within 1000' radius of SMPI in good concentration with the MPI of bursts 420' W of SMPI. Bombs hit on R.R. tracks cutting four lines.

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Visual bombing by flights from 12,500 - 17,500 feet.

Group leader did not contact Ribsam for fix because Sweepstakes turned of/a ahead. Leader then maintained contact with Sweepstakes.

No losses, 16 a/c battle damaged, no casualties.

1 a/c failed to bomb: mechanical.

1 spare a/c. 37 a/c dispatched, 32 dropping 892 x 100 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

397 BG:

Flt. C - DMPI - EXCELLENT. Approximately 50% of bursts in 1000' radius of DMPI in smoke of road as pattern. MPI of bursts approximately 1000' W of DMPI. Bursts blanket S-W portion of target area.

Flt. D - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 50% of bursts in 1000' radius of DMPI. MPI of bursts approximately 975' W of DMPI. Bursts blanket W-central section of target area in good pattern, covering road along W border.

Flt. E - DMPI - EXCELLENT. Bursts blanket SW corner of target area in good pattern, covering road and probably destroying building. Bursts blanket SW corner of target area in good pattern, covering road and probably destroying building. MPI of bursts approximately 1300' SE of DMPI. Bursts blanket SW corner of target area in good pattern, covering road and probably destroying building.

Flt. F - DMPI - FAIR. Approximately 30% of bursts in 1000' radius of DMPI. MPI of bursts approximately 2050' NW of DMPI. Bursts blanket NW corner of landing ground in good pattern, causing damage to taxi strip along N border.

Flt. G - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 60% of bursts in 1000' radius of DMPI. Good pattern. MPI of bursts approximately 800' N of DMPI. Bursts blanket central portion of landing ground.

Flt. H - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 65% of bursts in 1000' radius of DMPI. Good pattern. MPI of bursts 775' SE of DMPI. Bursts blanket S portion of landing ground and damage road along S border.

Flt. I - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 65% of bursts in 1000' radius of DMPI. Good pattern. MPI of bursts 775' SE of DMPI. Bursts blanket S portion of landing ground and damage road along S border.

Flt. J - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 65% of bursts in 1000' radius of DMPI. Good pattern. MPI of bursts 775' SE of DMPI. Bursts blanket S portion of landing ground and damage road along S border.

387 BG:

40 a/c dispatched, 35 dropping 980 x 100 GP on Primary. Due to flak damage 1 a/c dropped 28 x 100 GP near Nonnenzen (I-900360). 3 window a/c.

Flt. K - DMPI - EXCELLENT. (Detailed See under) Bomber leader selected R.R. Junction 3500' E of main junction of railroads. All bombs fell within 1000' radius of DMPI in good concentration. The MPI of bursts is 290' S of DMPI. Bombs fell in built up area of town with possibly one hit on R.R. tracks.

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Box I - Flt. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 90% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Center of pattern 225' SW of DMPI. This portion of landing ground should be unserviceable.

Flt. B - DMPI - EXCELLENT. 85% of bombs within 1000' radius of DMPI. Center of well dispersed pattern 525' NW of DMPI. 75% of impacts on airfield landing ground and across perimeter taxiway.

Flt. C - DMPI - GOOD. 40% of bombs within 1000' radius, centering 1200' NE of DMPI. Bombs fell across NE edge of airfield, perimeter track, main highway leading NE, and across 8 to 10 storage and repair type buildings.

Box II - Flt. A - SMPI - EXCELLENT. Due to poor target and aiming point identities, another MPI was chosen. 85% of bombs within 1000' radius, pattern centering 525' NE of SMPI. Entire pattern fell along a roadway crossing the airfield and onto several repair and hanger type buildings on NE edge of field.

Flt. B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. Incomplete pattern from a K-20 photo indicates majority of bursts on DMPI on SW portion of airfield. One photo a/c did not drop bombs, other a/c banked off target.

Flt. C - DMPI - UNSATISFACTORY. Due to poor target and aiming point identities, only a short run was attempted with the result that the sight was not completely synchronized. Bombs fell in open fields 3500' NE of DMPI.

Nieder Marsberg (Railway Bridge)

416 BG: 28 (A-26) a/c dispatched, 25 dropping 100 x 1000 GP on Primary. 3 window a/c.

No losses, battle damage, casualties.

Group leader did not make call to fighter control due to heavy traffic on channel.

Visual bombing by flights from 11,000 - 12,000 feet.

Box I - Flt. A - N.A.O. Due to heavy haze bombardier was unable to make sighting operation and released bombs on estimated location. Bombs hit 1980' NW of DMPI in wooded area.

Flt. B - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Due to heavy haze and similarity of terrain, bombardier misidentified target and bombed bridge 3.4 miles SW of DMPI. All bombs within 1000' radius of AMPI with center of bursts 580' SW. Bombs hit in excellent pattern across R.R. with several hits cutting tracks W of bridge.

Box II - Flt. A - N.A.O. Due to heavy haze, bombardier was unable to pick target in time to make a run. After 4 runs, bombardier estimated position of bridge and released. Bombs hit on edge of little village and across roads 3900' S of Primary.

Flt. B - AMPI - EXCELLENT. Due to very heavy haze and similarity of terrain, bombardier misidentified target and bombed what was believed to be target.

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1770' E of DMPI. Probably no damage.
 F17. C - DMPI - UNSUCCESSFUL. Have made identification difficult. All bombs outside 1000' radius of DMPI. Good pattern
 F17. B - DMPI - UNDETERMINED. No photo coverage. Invasive activity
 moves target off edge of negatives. Gross say bombs hit over
 and to left.

Box II - F17. A - N.A.O. Bombed on accidental release. Bombs dropped
 by flight leader while using search knob. Entire flight dropped
 on this release except one plane which dropped late. Bombs in
 good pattern (except for 2 late bombs) - 3900' SE of DMPI. Probably
 F17. O - DMPI - UNSUCCESSFUL. On first run there was too much
 haze to bomb and on 2nd run bombed into smoke and did not get
 proper synchronization. All bombs outside 1000' radius of DMPI.
 Bombs in good pattern 3600' S of DMPI. Probably no damage.

F17. B - DMPI - UNSUCCESSFUL. Bombardier was beyond 30 second
 run before he picked up target, but thought he had time for
 release. All bombs outside 1000' radius of DMPI. Bombs in good
 pattern 9600' SE of DMPI hitting in open area. No damage.
 Further damage to bridge.

Box I - F17. A - DMPI - SUPERIOR. 100% of bombs within 1000' radius of
 DMPI. Bombs in good pattern 100' NE of DMPI. Later photos show
 two hits on S approach. Small scale of photos prevents stating
 Visual bombing by flights from 11,500 - 14,000 feet.

Group leader attempted to contact Roscoe 3 minutes after entering target
 area, but could not make contact. Leader then contacted Ripstein and
 received desired fix.
 1 other a/c was battle damaged, no further casualties.

The a/c mentioned above, crash-landed 10 miles N of Aachen at K-850570.
 Reason for crash-landing is undetermined at time of this report. 5 of
 the crewmen bailed out and 2 of those are missing and 2 were injured.
 28 a/c dispatched, 22 dropping 44 x 2000 GP on Primary. Bomb disposition
 unknown of 2 a/c (1 crash-landed at K-850540, 1 landed at St. Avend). 3
 window a/c. 1 spare a/c.

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Section II

A/C Off		399
A/C Bombing	359	
A/C Failing to Bomb	12	
A/C Recalled (Weather)	0	
Other		
Window	20	
Spare	2	
Bombs of 6 A/C Unaccounted for	28	
Total		399

Bombs on Enemy Territory	608.200
Total Bombs to Date	124,786.535

A/C Lost (322 BG; 386 BG (A-26); 409 BG (A-20))	3	
A/C Missing (386 BG (A-26))	1	
A/C Crash-Landed (344 BG; 397 BG)	2	
A/C Battle Damaged	76	(19.89%)
Killed	0	
Wounded	5	
Missing	2	
Injured	3	
Claims	0	

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WEATHER: Babenhansen 410 BG: 3/10 thin alto-stratus, base 11,000'. Visibility 6 miles on bomb run.

391 BG: 2-7/10 patchy medium cloud, top 12,000, base 10,500'. 3-5/10 cirrus estimated 20,000'. Visibility air-to-ground 5-10 miles.

344 BG: Dropped visually on target of opportunity in eastern area which was clear with visibility 5-10 miles down sun and 6 miles up sun. In patches the haze restricted air-to-ground visibility to 2-3 miles.

409 BG: Clear. Visibility 6 miles on bomb run.

Niedersehld 322 BG: 3-5/10 medium cloud, tops 11,000', base 10,000'. Visibility 8-10 miles down sun, 4 miles up sun.

Colbo 386 BG: 5-8/10 alto-stratus, base 11,000'. Visibility air-to-ground 6 miles in haze.

323 BG: 3/10 thin alto-stratus, tops 11,000'. Visibility 4 miles.

Gross Osthelm 387 BG: 4-5/10 thin medium cloud, base 14-16,000'. Visibility air-to-ground 6 miles down sun, 3-4 miles up sun.

394 BG: 7-6/10 medium cloud, base estimated 14,000'. Visibility 6-8 miles down sun on bomb run and 3 miles up sun. Light to moderate haze to altitude.

Nieder Nersberg 416 BG: 6/10 medium cloud, tops 15,000', base 13,500'. Haze very thick to 4-5,000' and restricted air-to-ground visibility to 1-1/2 miles and air-to-air visibility to 5-10 miles.

OBSERVATIONS

GROUP	NO. A/G	CLASSIFICATION	REASONS
344	2	Mechanical	1 - Bomb bay door damaged by flak. 1 - Engine trouble.
409	1 (A-26)	Mechanical	These wheels would not retract.
322	1	Mechanical	Engine cut out.
323	1	Personnel	Bombardier ill.
387	1	Mechanical	Loss of power in right engine.
394	1	Mechanical	Bomb bay door malfunction.

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Nieder Marsberg 397 BG: 8/10 alto-stratus, base 14,000', tops 14,500'.
4-5/10 thin strato-cumulus at 4-5,000'. Visi-
bility 10-12 miles aloft; 3-4 miles down sun
and 1 mile up sun; haze to 5,000'.

S/A PHOTO REPORT

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CAMERAS</u>	<u>MECHANICAL FAILURES</u>		<u>PERSONNEL FAILURES</u>	
	<u>PHOTOGRAPHING</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
410	89%	1	11	0	0
391	90%	0	0	1	10
344	100%	0	0	0	0
409	100%	0	0	0	0
322	100%	0	0	0	0
386	50% (2 other camera a/c landed away from base - no report available)				
323	100%	0	0	0	0
387	93%	1	7	0	0
394	91%	1	9	0	0
416	100%	0	0	0	0
397	100%	0	0	0	0

FLAK ANALYSIS - AMEX

A/C OVER ENEMY TERRITORY	392
A/C LCST TO FLAK	2
A/C MISSING	1
A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	76
% A/C BATTLE DAMAGED	19.89%
<u>Babenhausen Landing Ground</u> 410, 391, 344 Gp.	
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	33
% A/C Battle Damaged	28.91%

Although there was no flak at the target, flak was encountered at several points enroute. The 410 Gp. reported weak accurate heavy flak at Senheim (L-645650) and near Kirchberg at L-813495. Moderate inaccurate heavy flak was reported at Sobern heim and moderate accurate near Worms. The 391 Gp. reported heavy flak that was moderate accurate at Alzey (M-2727) and weak accurate at Kirchberg and crossing the Rhine north of Worms. The 344 Gp. encountered intense accurate flak at Rodosheim (M-142536). This area lies within the defenses of Bingen. Weak accurate heavy flak was also reported at Traben (L-556505). 8 guns are plotted here.

<u>Fracht Railway Bridge</u> 409 Gp.	
A/C Lost to Flak	0
A/C Battle Damaged	9
% A/C Battle Damaged	18.37%

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area.

The 416 Gp. encountered all Flak. However, the 397 Gp. encountered weak inaccurate heavy Flak at St. Gaur, the Limburg-Nastatten area and at Martenborg (G-150270). Flak has been encountered previously in the St. Gaur-Nastatten-Limburg area. The Flak at Martenborg probably came from guns that have recently been moved into the

1.85%	% A/C Battle Damaged
1	A/C Battle Damaged
0	A/C Lost to Flak
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416, 397 Gp.	Menden Harbourn Railway Bridge

The 387 Gp. encountered weak accurate heavy Flak both enroute in and out near Kirchberg (L-735580). No defenses are plotted, but it is probable that the enemy has heavy Flak in the vicinity. The 394 Gp. encountered moderate to intense accurate moderate accurate heavy Flak in the Worms-Kennheim area. This area is heavily defended and at least heavy Flak was also encountered enroute in and out near Traben (L-590480) where 8 guns are plotted.

37.66%	% A/C Battle Damaged
26	A/C Battle Damaged
0	A/C Lost to Flak
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387, 394 Gp.	Gross Osthelm Landing Ground

The 323 Gp. encountered weak accurate heavy Flak at the bombing going in and coming out. Weak accurate heavy Flak was encountered near Mandersbach (F-999291).

The only definite Flak reported by the 386 Gp. was 2-3 bursts upon leaving enemy territory near Bonfeld (F-830145). 5 of the a/c battle damaged and the a/c lost were from the 386 Gp. Some crews reported that appeared to be two bursts of Flak at the target. However, it is believed that some other explosion took place. The lost a/c exploded in the air over the target, and the missing a/c was last seen losing gas and altitude immediately after the explosion took place. It is believed that the explosion was caused by a mid-air collision of bombs. Fragments found in the damaged a/c are being forwarded for analysis.

17.30%	% A/C Battle Damaged
8	A/C Battle Damaged
1	A/C Missing
1	A/C Lost to Flak
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385, 323 Gp.	Doipe Railway Bridge

Weak accurate heavy Flak was encountered at three points: Nastatten (H-058820), Nassau (H-070910) and Bendorf (F-885070). The lost a/c received a direct hit in the cockpit and crashed near F-850130. 8 heavy guns are plotted at Bendorf. All Flak encountered was by the second box. The first box reported all Flak.

2.12%	% A/C Battle Damaged
0	A/C Battle Damaged
1	A/C Lost to Flak
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322 Gp.	Manderscheid Railway Bridge

Weak inaccurate heavy Flak was first encountered west of Kertscheid (F-800150). The Flak followed the formation to the IR (Eichen F-850260) to the target and back to the IP. The area is east of the bridgehead, and increased Flak activity may be anticipated. The artillery was unable to furnish counterflak fire because of no known Flak positions within range of the route.

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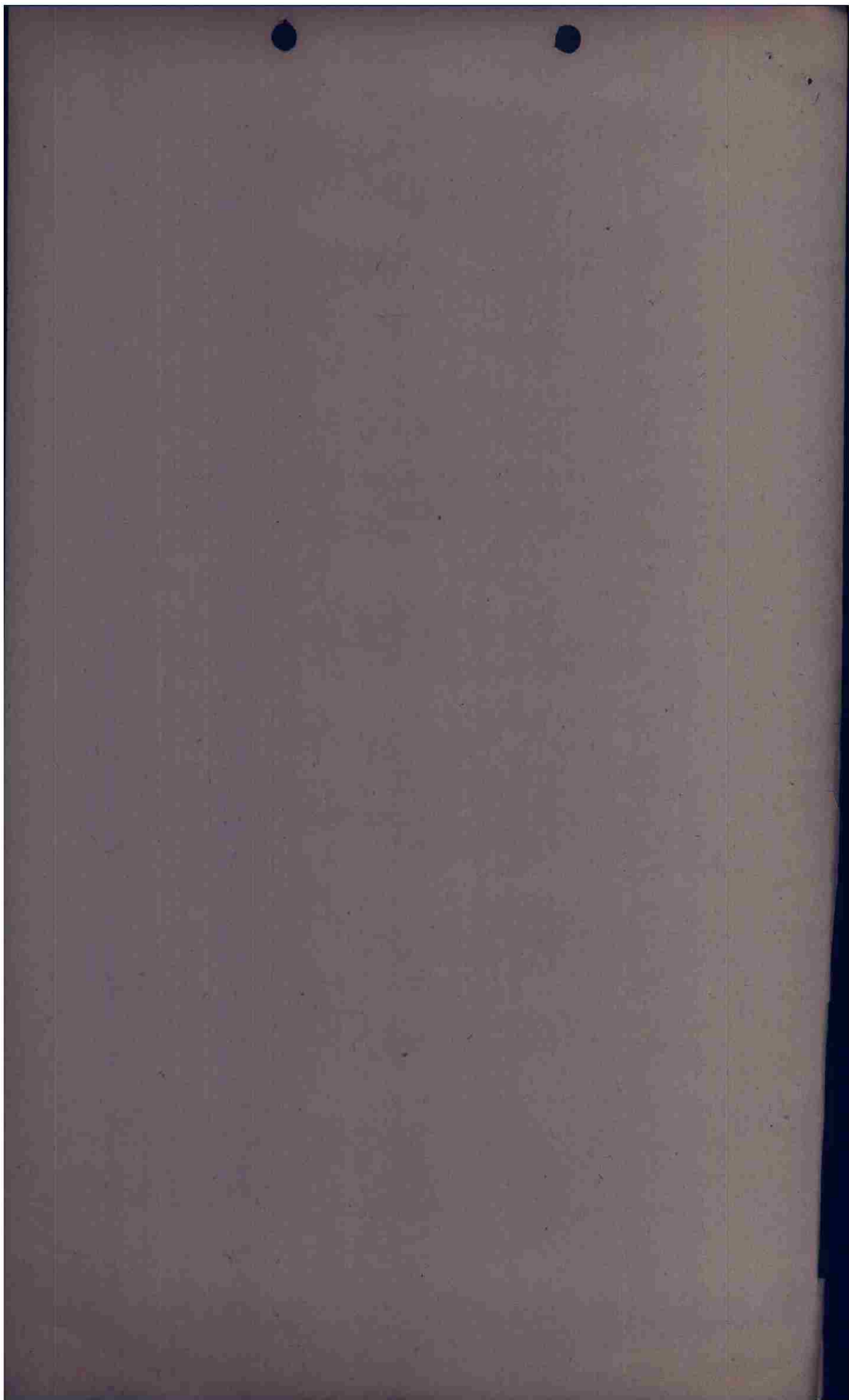
ENEMY AIRCRAFT REACTION

T.O.T.'s: 1402 to 1549

No e/a encountered during mission.

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PRESS RELEASE

NINTH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, France, March 14 --Medium bombers returned to the job of isolating the Ruhr valley Wednesday, carrying out attacks in clear weather against four railroad bridges and a rail junction in an arc running 50-75 miles east and south of the vital industrial region.

While the five-phase Marauder and Invader assault raged, other B-26 formations --aided by a single force of Havocs-- smashed at two Luftwaffe landing grounds southwest of Frankfurt. Still other Marauders pounded roads and other communications in the Bad-Kreuznach area, 40 miles south of Coblenz.

Upwards of 350 bombers carried out the Ninth Bombardment Division battle order, flying through heavy flak barrages at several points to accomplish some of their best bombing in weeks in the near-perfect visibility. No enemy aircraft challenged, but two Marauders were lost to flak.

Railroad bridges hit in the large-scale offensive were the 6-span Pracht bridge, 25 miles east of Bonn, which carries a single-track rail line over the Sieg river, between Cologne and Dortmund; the Niederscheld span, 18 miles northwest of Giessen, on the Giessen-Cologne rail route; the 3-span bridge at Colbe, 20 miles north of Giessen, which carries a single track line north from the junction with the main Kassel-Coblenz rail line, and the double-track rail span at Nieder Marsburg, 60 miles east of Dortmund, over the Ruhr river.

Object of the attacks was to halt the movement of reinforcements and supplies to the west for the defense of the Ruhr, and also to impede transport of coal and other economic supplies from that industrial area to other parts of Germany.

Excellent results were reported in the attacks on the Colbe and Pracht rail bridges, both of which were believed to have received direct hits. At Niederscheld and Nieder Marsburg, crews reported that their bombs cut the approaches to both structures. In the Niederscheld and Colbe attacks, German flak gunners accounted for the Ninth's two losses of the day.

Meanwhile, Marauder crews taking part in the attack against the rail junction at Haiger, 5 miles northwest of the Niederscheld bridge, reported good bombing results.

Havocs and other B-26s participated in the attacks against the Luftwaffe landing grounds at Babenhausen and Gross Ostheim, both within 20 miles of Frankfurt. The two fields are reported being used by Luftwaffe fighters opposing Allied crossings of the Rhine at Remagen. Object of the attacks was to render both landing grounds unserviceable and thereby lessen the hazard of future crossings by Allied troops. Crews of the Ninth's light and medium bombers reported that their bomb bursts blanketed both airfields.

Completing the big offensive, three separate flights of Marauders ranged south to the Bad-Kreuznach area to blast at roads and other communications in the towns of Willhausen, Mengerscheld and Bad-Kreuznach, only large town in the network. Hits were scored at key points in each of the target areas.

It was the seventh consecutive day of operations for the medium and light bombers and their 13th operational day of the current month.

399	Aircraft over enemy territory
392	Bomber losses
2	Bomb tonnage
800.2	Airfields attacked
2	Communications centers attacked
4	Stalwood junctions attacked
1	Railroad bridge attacked
7	Railroad bridges damaged
2	Railroad cuts
20	Railroad cuts
15	Railroad cuts
12	Warehouses damaged
9	Warehouses damaged
7	Text strip cuts
63	Buildings damaged or destroyed

Forwarding Division Headquarters, Rome, March 15 - Following are operational statistics, including preliminary damage assessment figures, for combat missions of B-26 bombers, A-20 Havocs and A-26 Invaders of the 14th Bombardment Division Wednesday:

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FROM 416TH BOMB GP 14/1820A
TO CG, 9TH BOMBARDMENT DIVISION ATT: A 2
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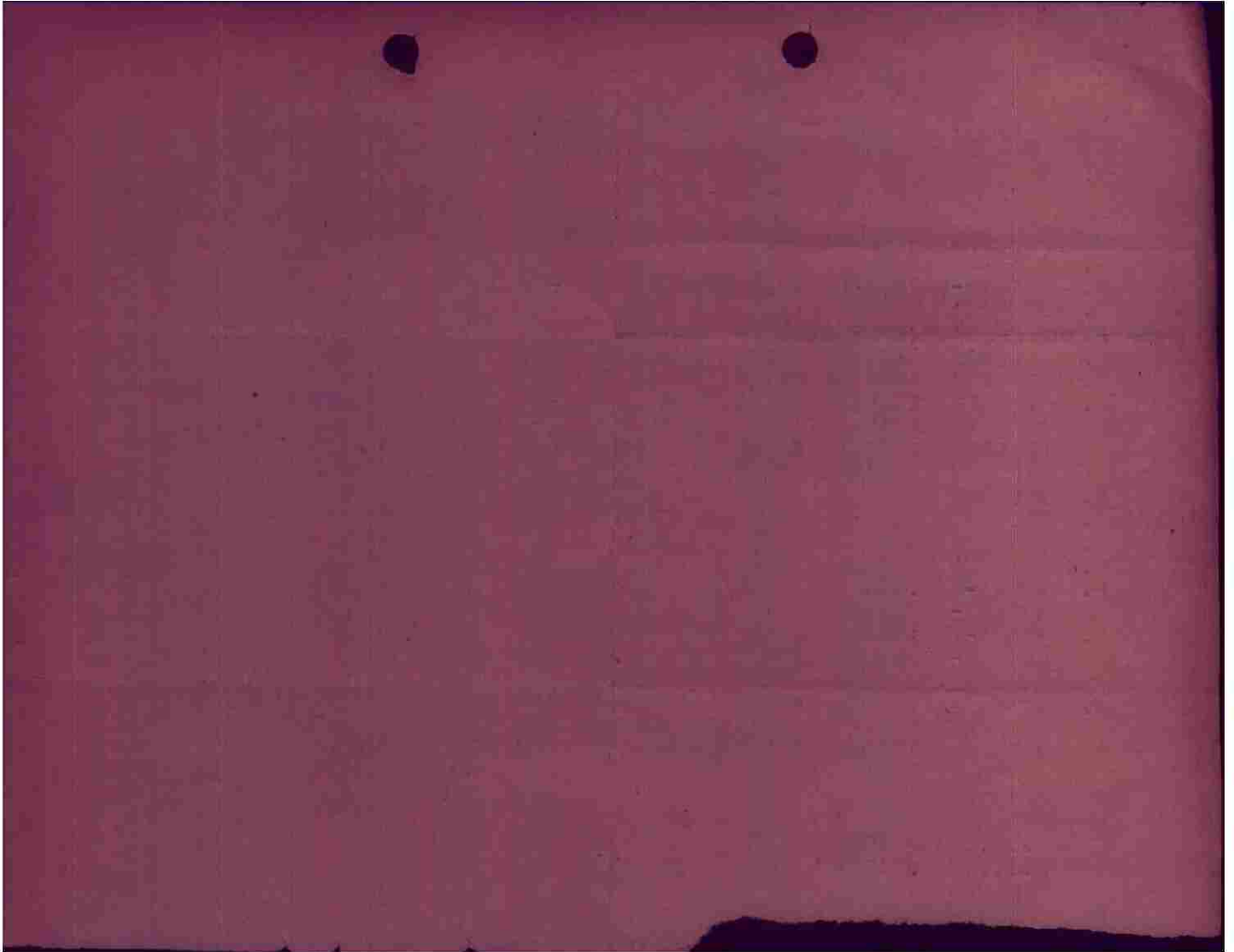
OPFLASH FOR 14 MARCH 1945

- A. 416TH BOMB GP
- B. NIEDER-MARSBERG RR BRIDGE KXX (B-783196)
- C. 28 A26'S
- B. 25 A26'S ON PRIMARY
- E. 3 A26'S CARRIED WINDOW ONLY
- F. 100 X 1000 GP ON PRIMARY
- G. GOOD TO EXCELLENT RESULTS BY BOX I-FLIGHT II (4 RUNS)
GOOD TO EXCELLENT RESULTS BY BOX II- FLIGHT II (3 RUNS)
RESULTS OF OTHER FLIGHTS UNOBSERVED DUE TO HAZE. FOUR
RUNS ON TARGET MADE BY EACH OF OTHER FLIGHTS.
- H. NIL
- I. NIL
- J. NIL
- K. NIL
- L. BOX I- 12,000
BOX II- 11,000
- M. BOX I- 1525
BOX II- 1521 AND 1532
- X. NO POSITION FIX WAS CALLED FOR BY FORMATION LEADER BECAUSE
OF HEAVY TRAFFIC AT TIME FOR CALL. FGC WAS IN CONTACT
WITH FORMATION WITH OTHER MESSAGE DURING THIS TIME

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 G.G. 97th Combat Bomb Wing Att: A-2

From: 416th Bombardment Group (L)

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Opstflash for 13th March 1945

A. 416th Bombardment Group

B. Nieder-Marsberg R.R. Bridge

C. 28 A-26s

D. 25 A-26s on Primary

E. 3 A-26s carried window only

F. 100 x 1000 GP on Primary

G. Good to excellent results ~~Box I~~ Box I Flight II - 4 runs
 " " " " " II Flight II 3 runs

Results other ^{two} flights unobserved due to haze - 4 runs made by
 each ~~flight~~ flight.

H Nil

I Nil

J Nil

K Nil

L. Box I - 12000
 Box II - 11000

M. Box I - 1525

Box II - 1521 & 1532

Box I I 1525 12000 4 runs
II 1525 11800 4 runs Stebbins

Box II I 1532 10000 4 runs
II 1521 11000 3 runs Pain

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) S-2 PI 15/0132A
TO HQ, 9TH BOMBER DIVISION (M) ATTN: A-2 PI
HQ, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: DUTY OFFICER.

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SECRET 416TH BG R-304-D PERIOD

B. NIEDER-MARSBERG RR BRIDGE.

C. 1520 - 1931.

J. BOX I FLT A: NOA DUE TO HEAVY HAZE WAS UNABLE TO MAKE SIGHTING
(VISUAL) OPERATION RELEASING BOMBS ON ESTIMATED LOCATION.
BOMBS HIT 1900 FT NW OF DMPI IN WOODED AREA.
FLT B: AMPI EXCEL DUE TO HEAVY HAZE AND SIMILARITY OF TERRAIN
MISIDENTIFIED TARGET AND BOMBED BRIDGE 3.4 MILES
SW OF DMPI. ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT RADIUS OF
AMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 500 FT SW. BOMBS HIT
IN EXCELLENT PATTERN ACROSS RR WITH SEVERAL HITS
CUTTING TRACKS W OF BRIDGE.

BOX II FLT A: NOA DUE TO HEAVY HAZE WAS UNABLE TO PICK TARGET IN
TIME TO MAKE A RUN. AFTER 4 RUNS ESTIMATED
POSITION OF BRIDGE AND RELEASED. BOMBS HIT ON
EDGE OF LITTLE VILLAGE AND ACROSS ROADS 3900 FT S
OF PRIMARY.
FLT B: DMPI EXCEL ALL BOMBS WITHING 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH EXNIXE
CENTER OF PATTERN 415 FT NNE. BOMBS FELL ACROSS RR
CUTTING TRACKS AND ON BUILDINGS NE OF DMPI.

K. BOX I FLT A: NOA DUE TO HEAVY HAZE, BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO SEE
BRIDGE IN TIME FOR SIGHTING OPERATION, HE
ESTIMATED LOCATION OF BRIDGE AND RELEASED.
FLT B: AMPI DUE TO VERY HEAVY HAZE AND SIMILARITY OF TERRAIN,
EXCEL BOMBARDIER MISIDENTIFIED TARGET AND BOMBED WHAT
WAS BELIEVED TO BE TARGET.

BOX II FLT A: NOA DUE TO HEAVY HAZE, BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO SEE
BRIDGE IN TIME FOR SIGHTING OPERATION. HE
ESTIMATED LOCATION OF BRIDGE AND RELEASED.

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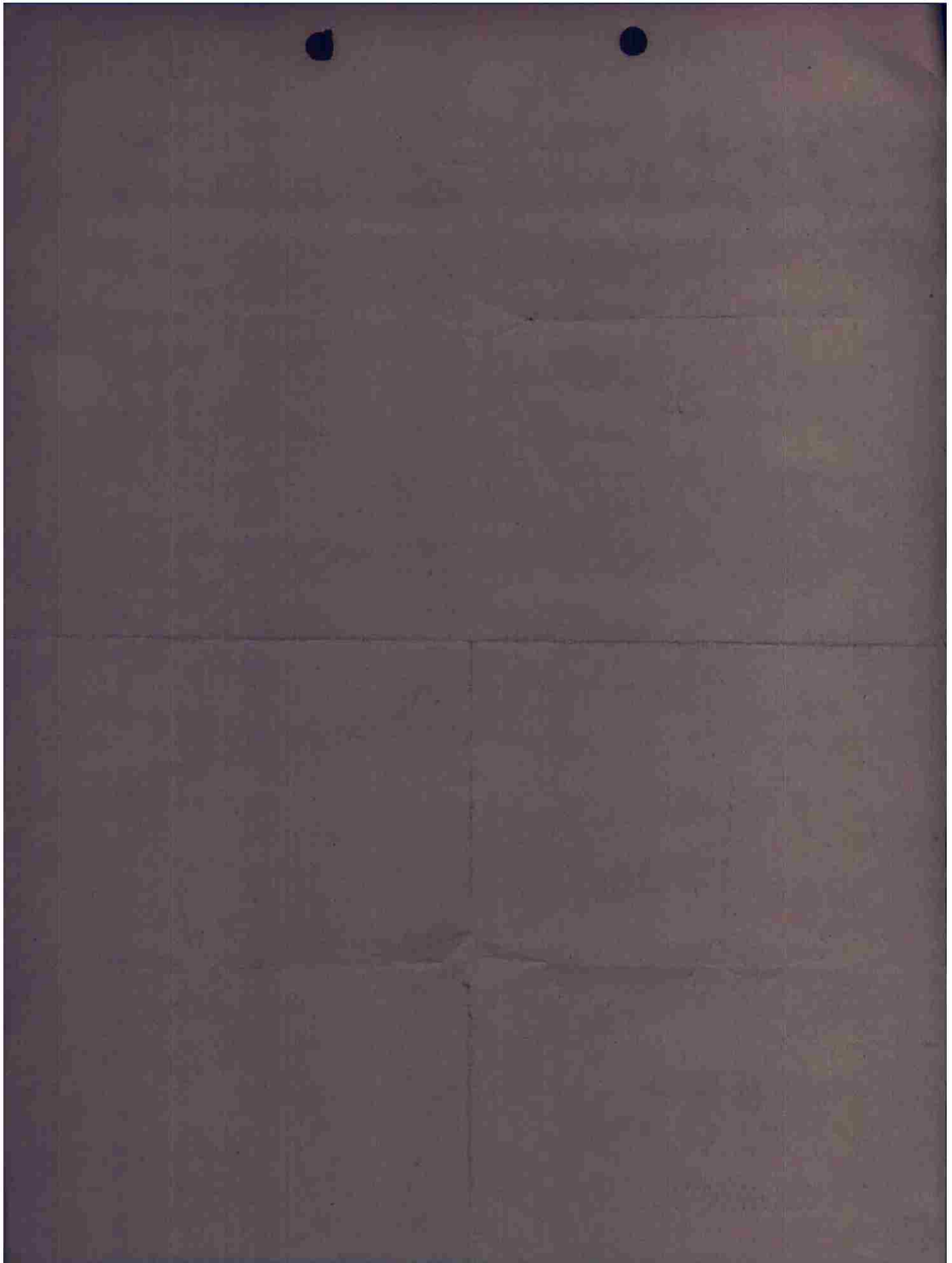
N. 8 BOMB STRIKES ON RR'S CUTTING TRACKS. 9 HITS ON ROADS SEVERING
THEM. 17 BUILDINGS DESTROYED OR SEVERLY DAMAGED.

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FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP (L) S-2 PI 15/0132A
TO HQ, 9TH BOMBER DIVISION (M) ATTN: A-2 PI
HQ, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING ATTN: DUTY OFFICER.

BT

SECRET 416TH BG R-304-D PERIOD

B. NIEDER-MARSBERG RR BRIDGE.

G. 1520 - 1531.

J. BOX I FLT A: NOA DUE TO HEAVY HAZE WAS UNABLE TO MAKE SIGHTING
(VISUAL) OPERATION RELEASING BOMBS ON ESTIMATED LOCATION.
BOMBS HIT 1900 FT NW OF DMPI IN WOODED AREA.

FLT B: AMPI EXCEL DUE TO HEAVY HAZE AND SIMILARITY OF TERRAIN
MISIDENTIFIED TARGET AND BOMBED BRIDGE 3.4 MILES
SW OF DMPI. ALL BOMBS WITHIN 1000 FT RADIUS OF
AMPI WITH CENTER OF BURSTS 500 FT SW. BOMBS HIT
IN EXCELLENT PATTERN ACROSS RR WITH SEVERAL HITS
CUTTING TRACKS W OF BRIDGE.

BOX II FLT A: NOA DUE TO HEAVY HAZE WAS UNABLE TO PICK TARGET IN
TIME TO MAKE A RUN. AFTER 4 RUNS ESTIMATED
POSITION OF BRIDGE AND RELEASED. BOMBS HIT ON
EDGE OF LITTLE VILLAGE AND ACROSS ROADS 3000 FT S
OF PRIMARY.

FLT B: DMPI EXCEL ALL BOMBS WITHING 1000 FT OF DMPI WITH EXCEL
CENTER OF PATTERN 415 FT NNE. BOMBS FELL ACROSS RR
CUTTING TRACKS AND ON BUILDINGS NE OF DMPI.

K. BOX I FLT A: NOA DUE TO HEAVY HAZE, BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO SEE
BRIDGE IN TIME FOR SIGHTING OPERATION, HE
ESTIMATED LOCATION OF BRIDGE AND RELEASED.

FLT B: AMPI DUE TO VERY HEAVY HAZE AND SIMILARITY OF TERRAIN,
EXCEL BOMBARDIER MISIDENTIFIED TARGET AND BOMBED WHAT
WAS BELIEVED TO BE TARGET.

BOX II FLT A: NOA DUE TO HEAVY HAZE, BOMBARDIER WAS UNABLE TO SEE
BRIDGE IN TIME FOR SIGHTING OPERATION. HE
ESTIMATED LOCATION OF BRIDGE AND RELEASED.

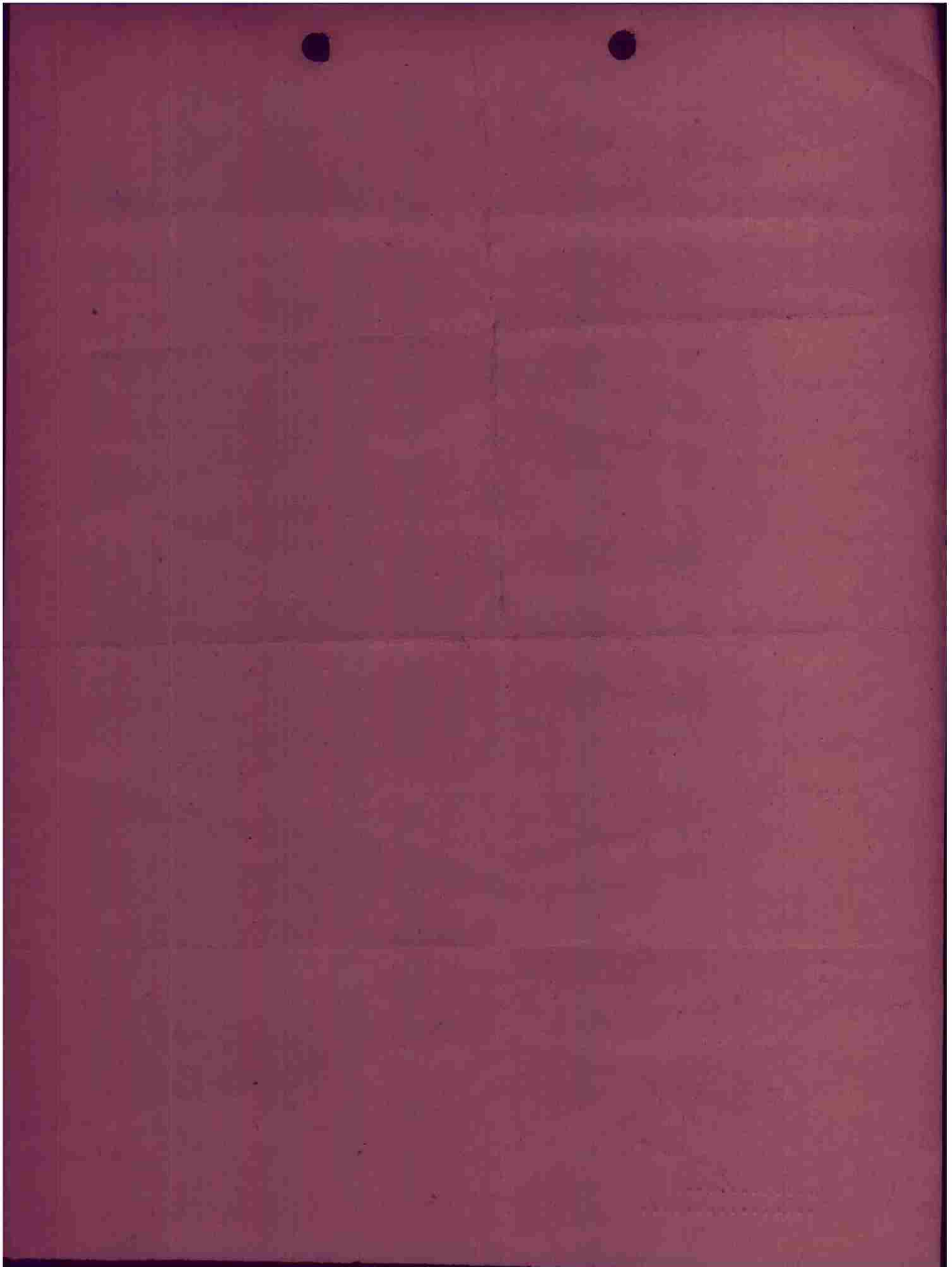
M. A. 8 100 PERCENT
B. 0 0 "
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N. 8 BOMB STRIKES ON RR'S CUTTING TRACKS. 9 HITS ON ROADS SEVERING
THEM. 17 BUILDINGS DESTROYED OR SEVERLY DAMAGED.

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EW AR AR

ITA R.....IN 15/0158 BIRD AR.
JEA R.....15/0155A LCB AR
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JEA V JKI JKI 11/ OP-OP

FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP 14/1215A
TO CG, 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
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1. ALTERNATE TARGET IF PRIMARY CANNOT BE ATTACKED BY VISUAL MEANS IS:

DILLENGURG M/Y (G 396365)
ONE BOX ON EACH OF FOLLOWING MPIS:
ILLUSTRATION 6(D) (VI) 196/2
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2. ALTERNATE TARGET IF FIGHTER ESCORT IS NOT PROVIDED:
BAD SCHWALBACH (M 240720)

BT 14/1215A

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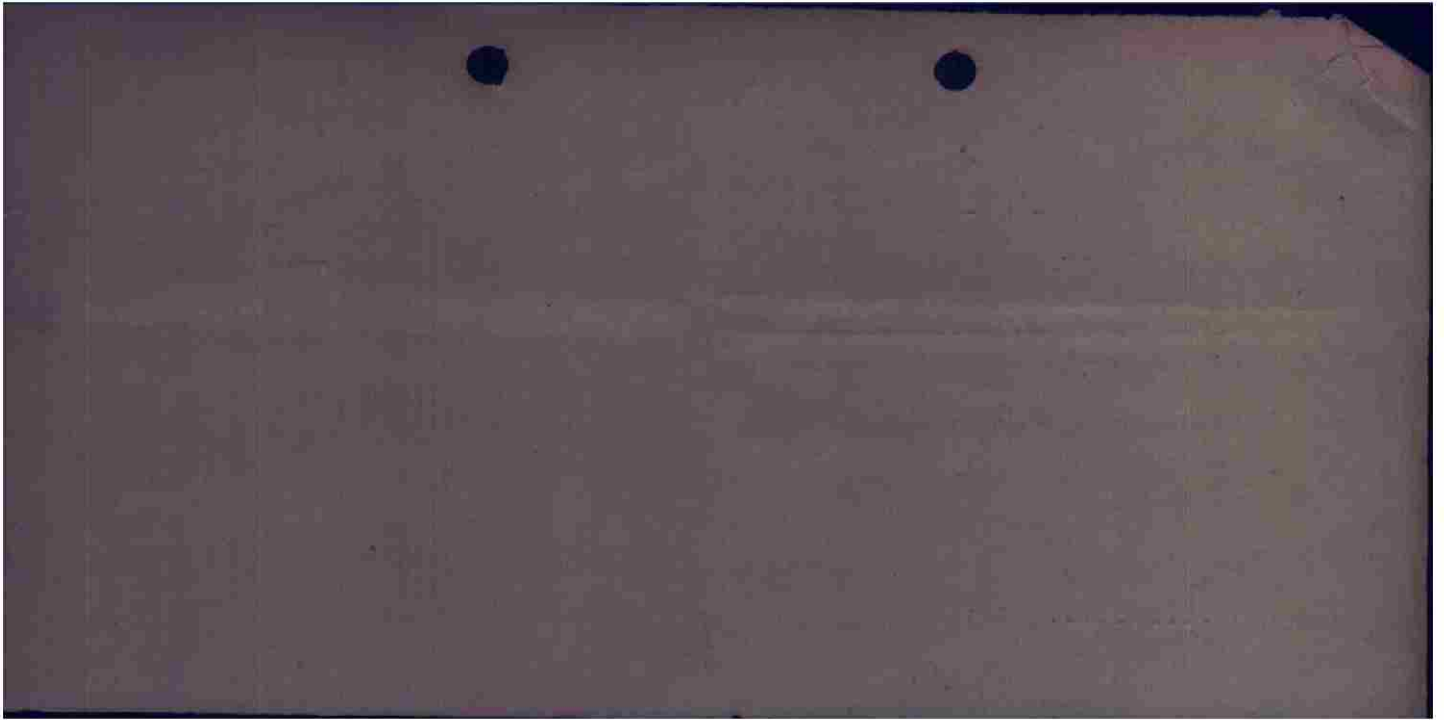
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alternate target if primary cannot be
 attacked by visual means is

DILLENBURG M/Y (G396365).

ONE BOX ON EACH OF following
 MPI'S :

Illustration 6 (d) (VI) 196/2

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alternate target ~~is~~ if ~~the~~ fighter ~~is~~ ~~not~~
~~for~~ ~~it~~ escort is not provided :

BAD SCHWALBACH (M240720)

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FROM: 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 13/1255A
TO : COMBOP 416

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING
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INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 2. FIELD ORDER NO. 203-791

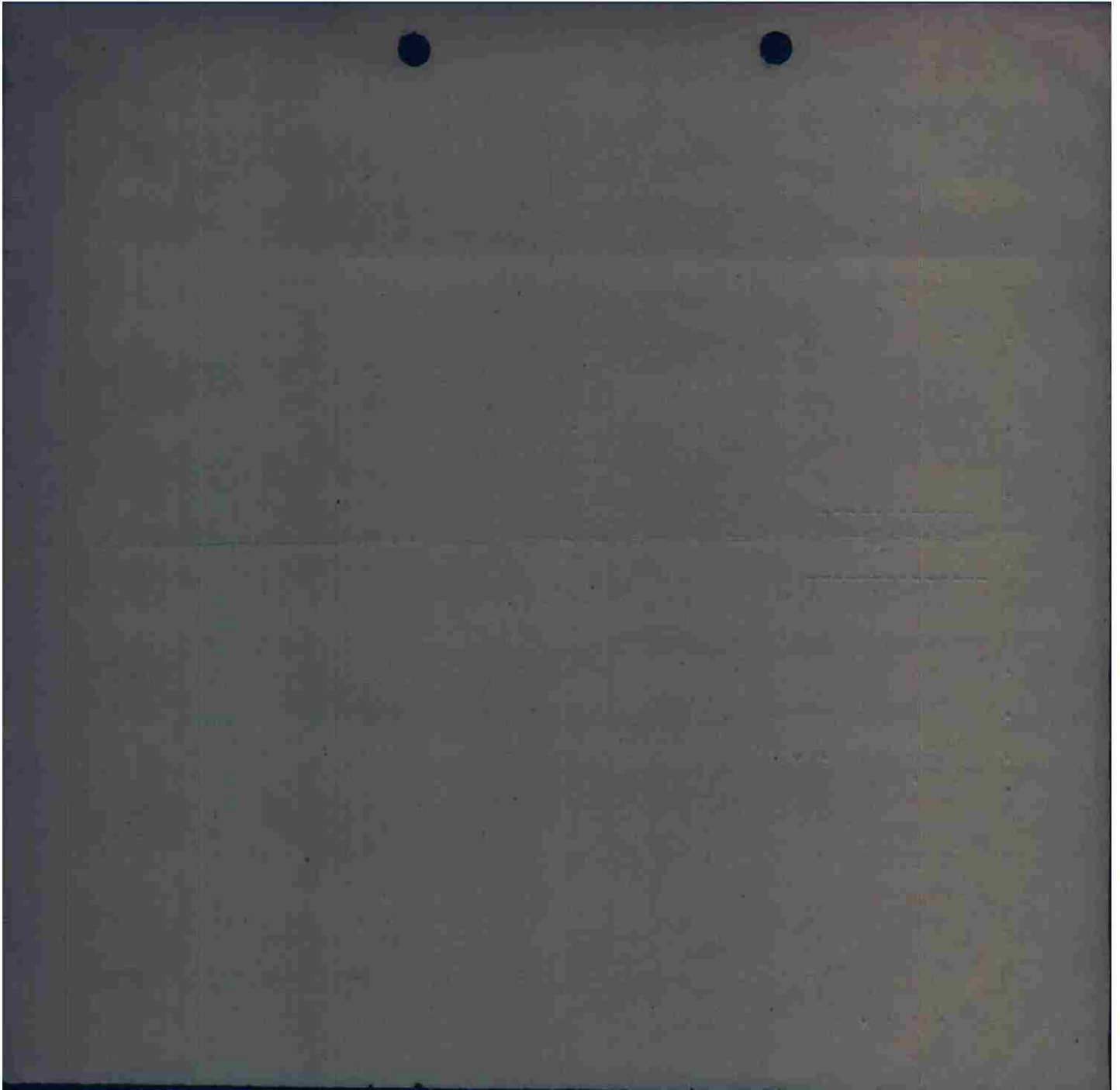
1. TARGET: MUSTER MARSHALLING YARD. TACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE
DESTROY ENEMY LINES OF SUPPLY AND MOVEMENT.
2. MAP COVERAGE:
----- GSG 4414 SHEET 4513
3. PHOTO COVERAGE
----- 5107E/4513
D/578 PRINTS 5113, 19
D/598 PRINT 3215
4. TARGET IS WELL BEYOND CURRENT BOMBLINE.
5. FLAK: SEE CURRENT PLOTTED POSITIONS.
6. THERE IS A P.W. CAMP APPROXIMATELY 12 MILES N.E. OF TARGET AT
SOEST.

COMBOWIG 97
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CC: UNDER PHOTO COVERAGE MAKE THE SECOND LINE READ:

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INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT NO. 3 FIELD ORDER NO. 204-791

PLAN "A"

1. TARGET: WIEDER MARSBERG R.R. BRIDGE (D-793196)
MAIN RAIL LINE RUNNING FROM CENTRAL GERMANY TO THE KOLN AREA.
ATTACK IS DESIGNED TO IMPEDE THE FLOW OF MEN AND SUPPLIES TO
THE CENTRAL RHINE AREA AND TO THE BRIDGEBEAD AREA.

2. MAP COVERAGE:
CGSGS 4414 SHEET 4519

3. PHOTO COVERAGE:
NINTH A.F. 2ND PHASE REPORT XXIX TAG T/191 AND T-204
ILLUSTRATION 5102E/13

4. TARGET IS WELL BEYOND CURRENT COMELINE

5. FLAK: SEE CURRENT PLOTTED POSITIONS

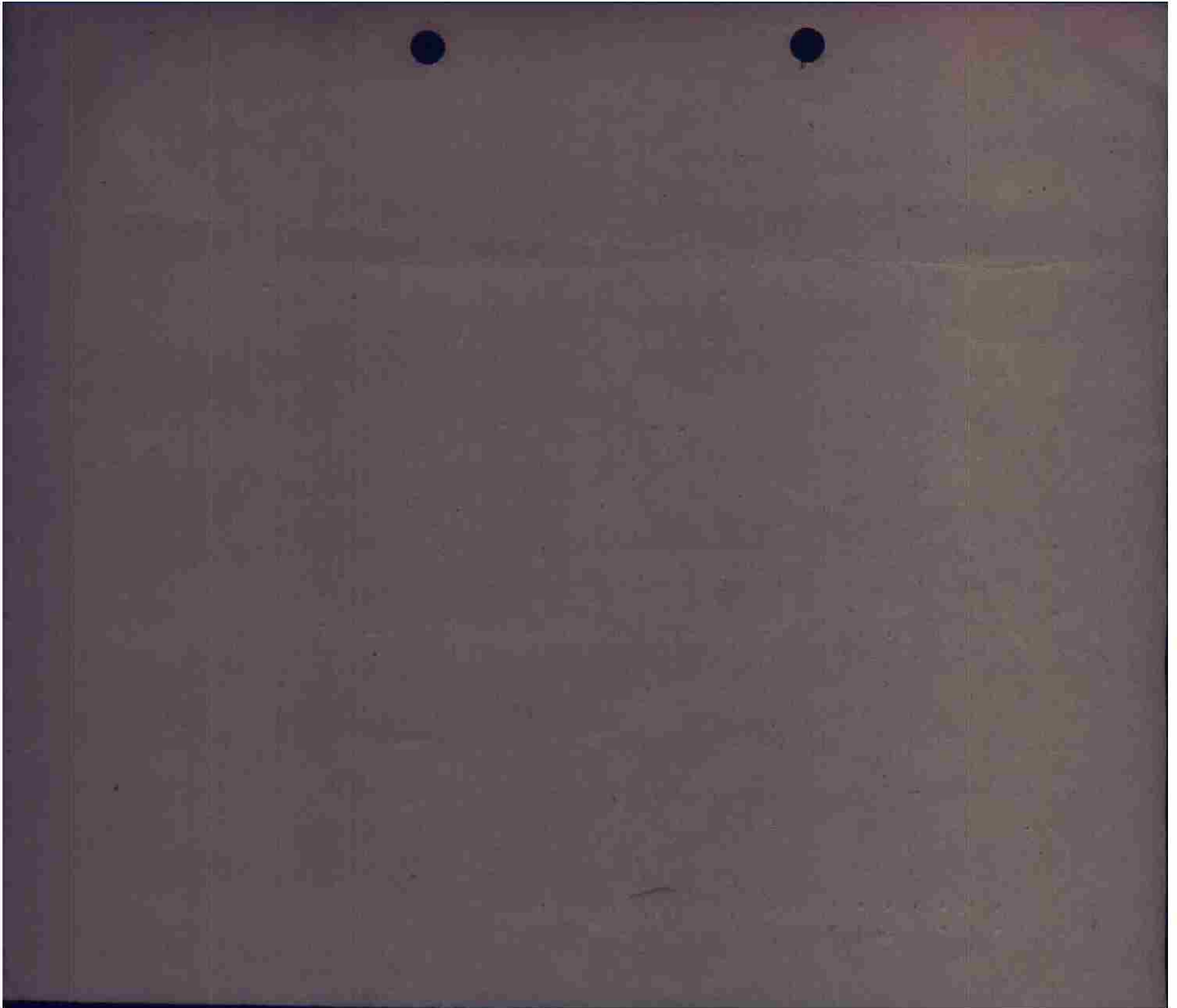
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TO COMBAT DIV WING
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COBOMGT 410
COBOMGT 416

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ADV INFO COPY OF PARA 5 OF FIELD ORDER TO FOLLOW :

5. COMMUNICATIONS

PLAN "A"

- A. 489TH BOMB GROUP (936417)
 - (2) HEDBROW (1ST ATTACK)
 - TRUDCT (2ND ATTACK)
 - (4) SWEEPSTAKES
 - (11) LEADERS OF BOTH ATTACKS WILL CALL "COCKSPUR" ON C/O 15 MIN PRIOR TO TROOPLINE REPORTING TIME AHEAD OR BEHIND SCHEDULE.
- B. 418TH BOMB GROUP (884585)
 - (2) COURAGE
 - (3) JUDITH
 - (4) RIFSAW
- C. 416TH BOMB GROUP (723196)
 - (2) LIFEGUARD
 - (4,5) RIFSAW (8TH WF ESCORT)

PLAN "B"

- A. 489TH BOMB GROUP
 - (2) CARKLEAF
 - (3) GUMBILL (29TH TAG CLOSE ESCORT)
 - (5) KENWAY C/O (2ND TAG AREA COVER)
- B. 418TH BOMB GROUP (828925)
 - (2) LATEWORK
 - (5) EVENING
 - (4) RIFSAW
 - (11) LEADER WILL CALL "COCKSPUR" 15 MIN PRIOR TO TROOPLINE REPORTING TIME AHEAD OR BEHIND SCHEDULE.

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BT 14/2345A

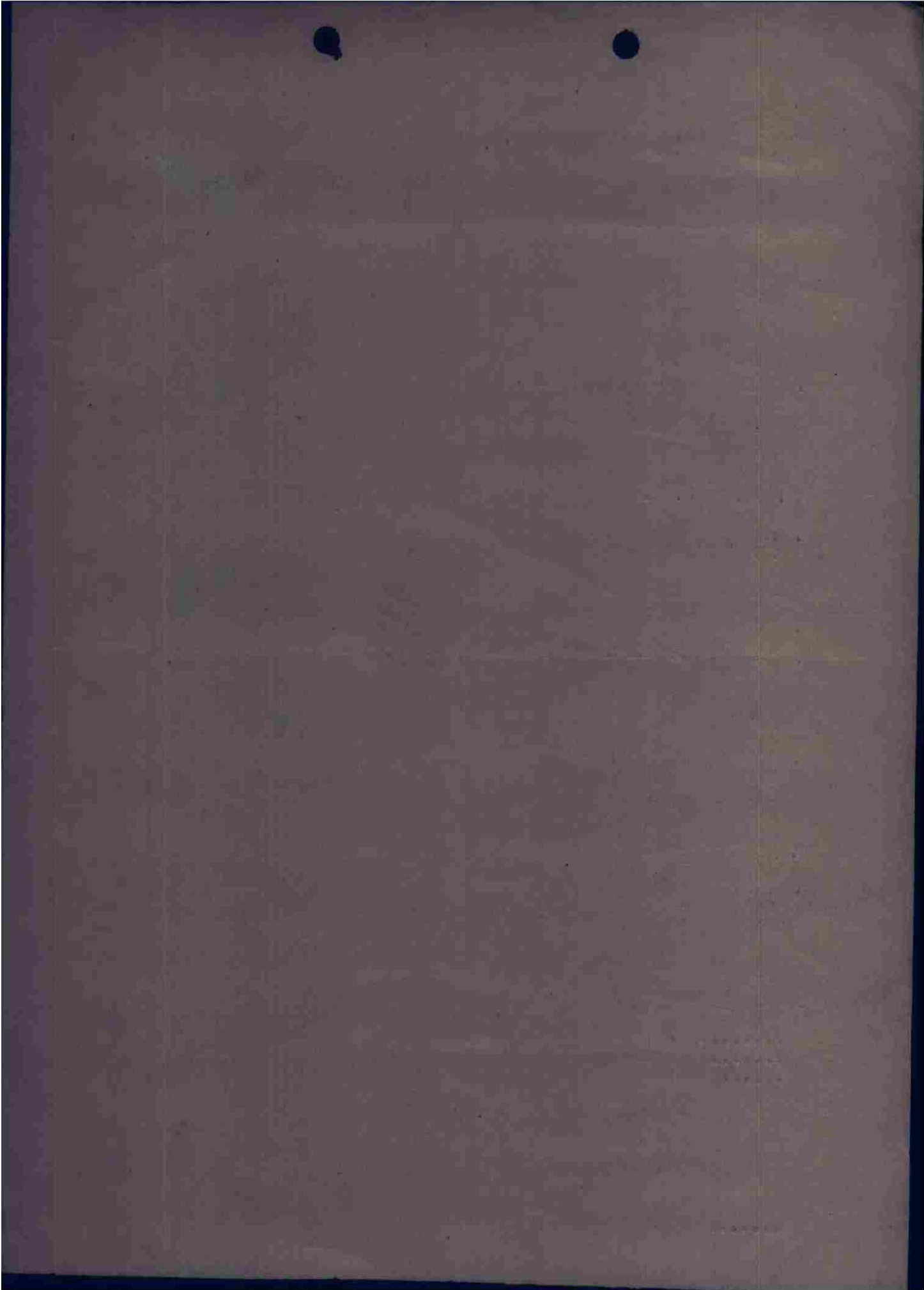
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FROM 37TH COMBAT BOMB WING 14/0500Z
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EIGHT SEVEN IN THE CLEAR AUTH: LT. COL. MC AFEE

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37TH COMBAT BOMB WING
AFB 146
14 MARCH 1945

TITLE CODED BR-200-791

TYPE: NORMAL

Briefing Officer
Capt Lewis

1. (1) WATER, CURRENT BOUNDLINE.
- (2) 28TH TAC WILL PROVIDE ESCORT FOR 489TH GROUP AND 2ND TAC WILL PROVIDE AREA COVER ON PLAN "B".
- 19TH TAC WILL PROVIDE ESCORT FOR 416TH GROUP ON PLAN "A" AND "B".
- 8TH AF FIGHTERS WILL PROVIDE ESCORT FOR 416TH GROUP.
- ALL GROUPS WILL FIRE RED PLANES AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
- COUNTDOWN BATTERY FIRE AGAINST ENEMY PLAN POSITIONS HAS BEEN ARRANGED ON TARGET T-356417.

2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN HOLLAND AND GERMANY.

PLAN "A" - ZERO HOUR : 14/1500Z
PLAN "B" - ZERO HOUR : 14/1500Z

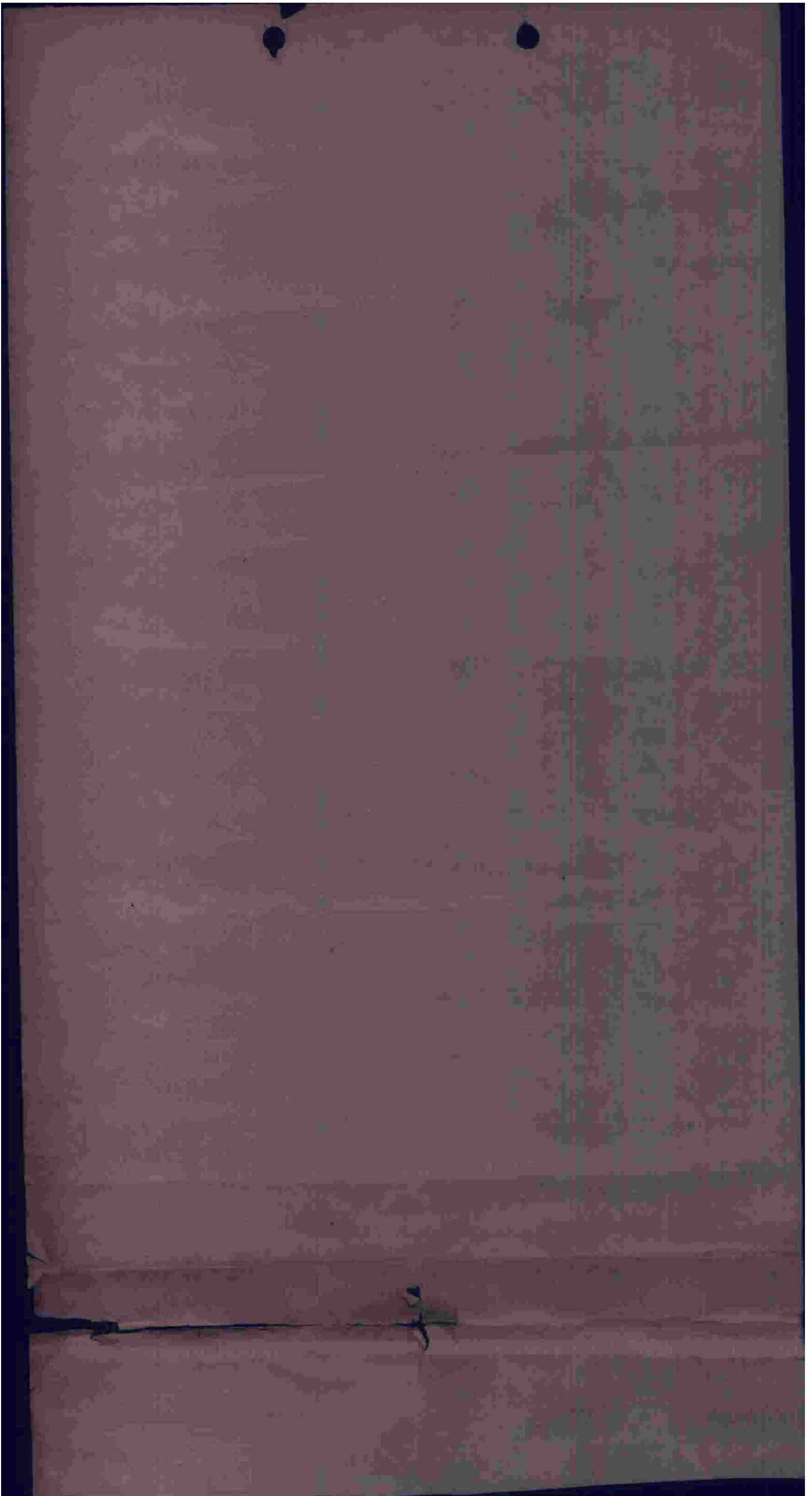
PLAN "A"

3. 489TH BOMB GROUP :

- (1) NAME RAILROAD BRIDGE (T-356417)
- (2) 1ST BOX - 24 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
- 2ND BOX - 24 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
- (4) BASE TO N-7804 TO F-7110 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 11,500 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
- (7) T-5625
- (8) DIR. SW TO NE
- (9) I.P. I. S.E. S.E. 4014 WERT 5211. CENTER OF BRIDGE AT GRID COORD. 53624166. INTERVALS EVERY 50 FEET.
- (10) 4 X 1000 G.P. - FUSEE : 1/10 SEC. MOST, 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) T-5625
- (12) T.O.T. - 1ST BOX : ZERO HOUR
2ND BOX : ZERO HOUR
- (13) IF THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACHED BY VISUAL MEANS, AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV CIPMER F-576-E (3-2-45) WILL BE BOMBED, AVOIDING TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS. THE ALTERNATE TARGET MUST BE AN AREA TARGET UNLESS IT CAN BE ATTACHED BY VISUAL MEANS.

4. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) BADENHAUSEN LANDING GROUND (N-584505)
- (2) AIRCRAFT BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT F-5658 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 45 MINUTES.
- (4) BASE TO F.R. TO L-5972 TO L-7756 TO L-9332 TO N-2737 TO N-6422 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT AND RETRACE ROUTE TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,000 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
- (7) T-5631
- (8) DIR. SW TO NW
- (9) I.P. I. - 5TH AIR FORCE ENEMY INTERPRETER REPORT WT 100 500. COVER LANDING GROUND, OUTSIDE OF AIRCRAFT I.
- (10) 4 X 1000 G.P. - FUSEE : 1/10 SEC. MOST, 1/100 SEC. TAIL. 50 FEET INTERVAL IS DESIRED.
- (11) N-5831
- (12) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS DO NOT EXIST AT PRIMARY TARGET, PRIMARY TARGET WILL BE ATTACHED IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY.
(A) GROUP "CHI"
(B) TARGET E.T.A.
- (13) IF THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED, AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV. CIPMER F-576-E (3-2-45) WILL BE BOMBED, AVOIDING TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS.



C. 416TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) NIEDER-MARSBERG RAILROAD BRIDGE (B-783196)
- (2) 24 A/C BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C.
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5658 AT 12,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR PLUS 15 MINUTES.
- (4) BASE TO F.R. TO E-5972 TO H-2978 TO G-1618 TO I.P. TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT AND RETRACT ROUTE TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB AT 12,500 FEET OR BELOW CLOUD BASE, DOWN TO BUT NOT BELOW 5,000 FEET. DROP 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
- (7) G-7998
- (8) GEN. S TO H
- (9) M.F.I. - G.S.G.S. 4414 SHEET 4519, CENTER OF BRIDGE AT GRID COORD. 78351965. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 30 FEET.
- (10) 4 X 1000 G.P. - FUSED : 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/100 SEC. TAIL.
- (11) G-7998
- (12) IF THE PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE ATTACKED BY VISUAL MEANS, AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV. CIPNER F-576-E (9-2-45) WILL BE ATTACKED, AVOIDING TARGETS WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS. THE ALTERNATE TARGET MUST BE AN AREA TARGET UNLESS IT CAN BE BOMBED BY VISUAL MEANS.

X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE

PLAN "B"

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP

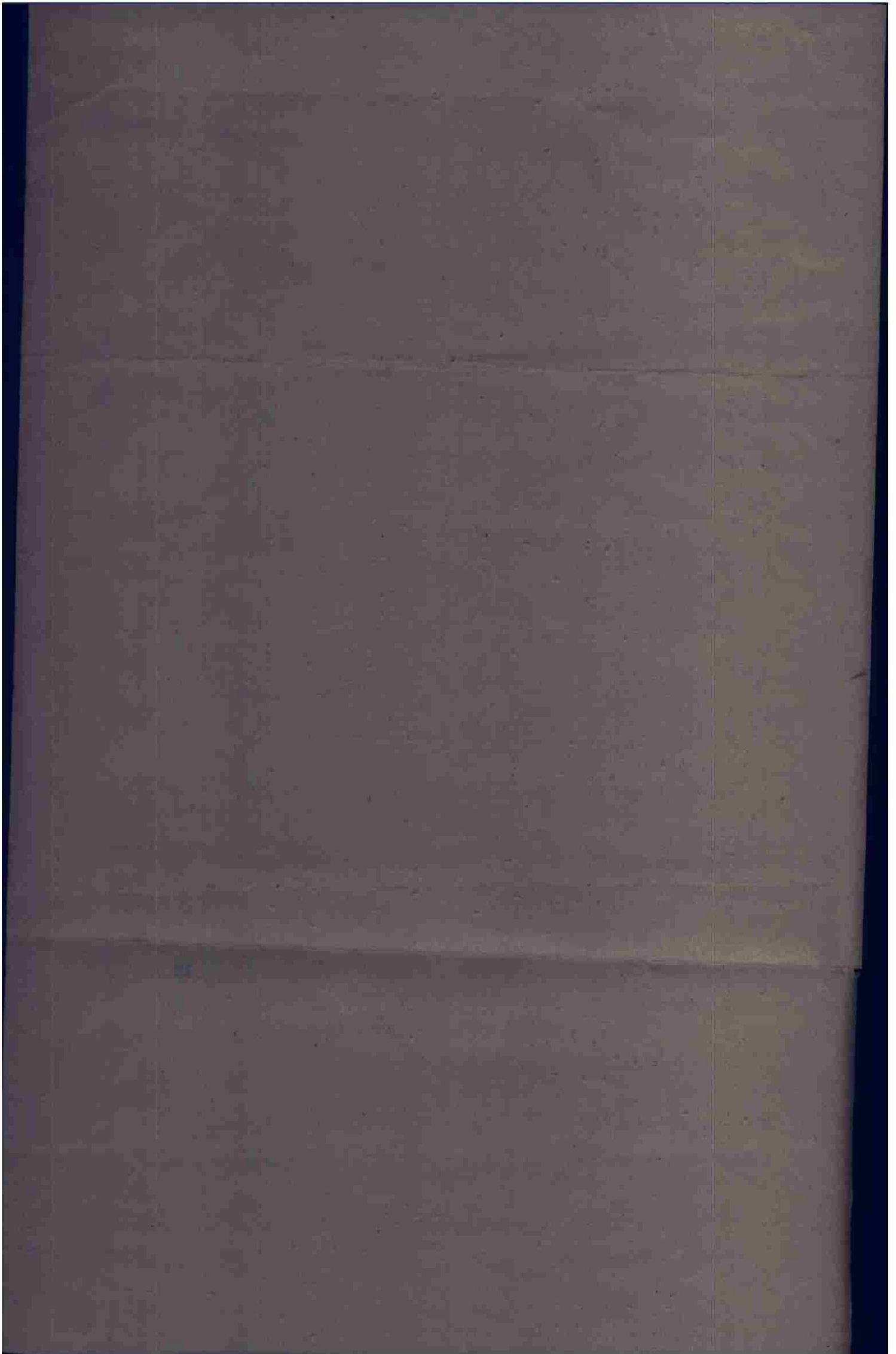
- (1) TWENTE/ENSCHDE AIRFIELD (V-422035)
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT E-9143 AT 13,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 20 MIN. WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD.
- (4) BASE TO F.R. TO A-2071 TO A-5974 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO A-2071 TO E-9143 TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB: 1ST BOX - 13,500 FEET, 2ND BOX - 13,000 FEET. LOSE 1,000 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN EVENT OF VISUAL BOMBING IS 3,000 FEET.
- (9) MPI ILL. S65/4 TWO FLIGHTS ON EACH OF THE FOLLOWING RUNWAY INTERSECTIONS: REF. 031062, 048074, 056054. TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY FLIGHTS. REF. 031062 AND 048074 TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL AND BY BOXES. PPF MPI GSGS 4414 SHEET 3727. GRID COORD 41350655. INTERVALOMETER SETTING 50 FEET.
- (10) 22 X 100 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR
- (13) VISUAL I.P. A-5187

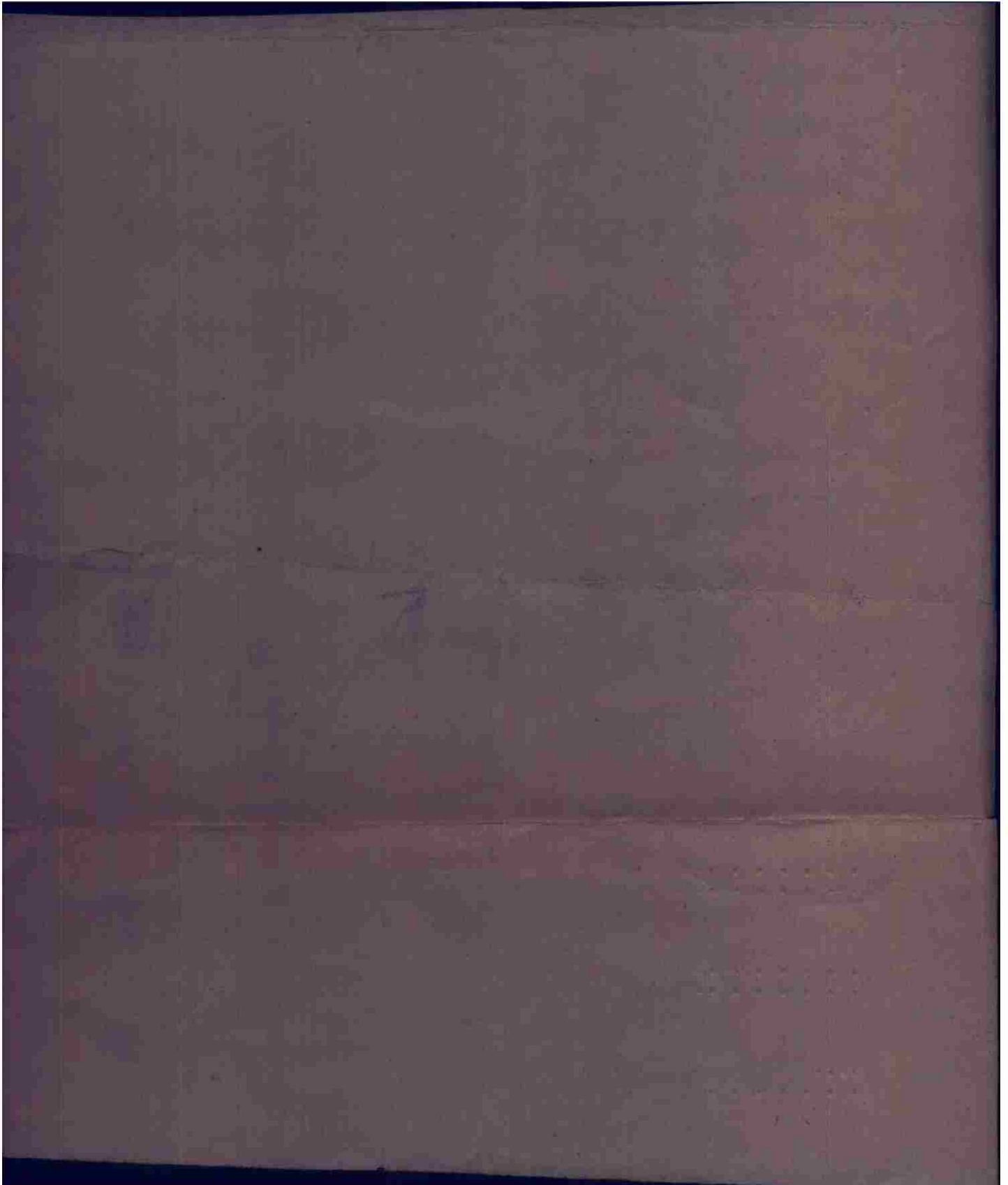
B. 410TH BOMB GROUP

- (1) MERZHAUSEN LANDING GROUND (H-528929)
- (2) 2 BOXES OF 18 A/C BOMBING ON 2 PPF A/C
- (3) WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5658 AT 13,000 FEET AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 46 MINUTES. WITH PPF A/C OVER FIELD
- (4) BASE TO F.R. TO F-7110 TO G-0629 TO G-2053 TO G-4247 TO TARGET.
- (5) TARGET TURN LEFT TO G-5508 TO G-0623 TO F-7110 TO BASE.
- (6) BOMB: 1ST BOX - 13,500 FEET, 2ND BOX - 13,000 FEET. MINIMUM ALTITUDE IN EVENT OF VISUAL BOMBING IS 6,000 FEET. LOSE 1,500 FEET AFTER LEAVING TARGET.
- (9) MPI - 3/AIR/331/2 COVER ANNOTATED LANDING GROUND. TO BE USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OF BOXES. PPF MPI - GSGS 4414 SHEET 5616. 70 FEET INTERVAL IS DESIRED
- (10) 6 X 500 G.P. FUSED 1/10 SEC. NOSE 1/40 SEC. TAIL
- (12) T.O.T. - ZERO HOUR
- (13) VISUAL I.P. G-4713

X. (1) - (4) NO CHANGE

- (5) IF VISUAL CONDITIONS EXIST AT TARGET, BOMBING WILL BE BY VISUAL MEANS. THE DECISION TO BOMB VISUALLY WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE A-20 OR A-26 BOX LEADERS AND THEY WILL DO SO WHETHER THEY CAN CONTACT THE PPF A/C OR NOT. IF BOMBING IS VISUAL, GROUPS WILL BOMB BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES AND USE DESIGNATED VISUAL I.P.'S. IF CLOUD COVER OBSCURES PRIMARY TARGET, GROUP WILL BOMB IN THE FOLLOWING PRIORITY: (A) PPF (B) GROUP GEE (C) TARGET E.T.A.
- (6) IF PRIMARY TARGET CANNOT BE REACHED, GROUP WILL ATTACK AN ALTERNATE TARGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH IX BOMB DIV CIPNER F-576-E (9-2-45) AND IX BOMB DIV MEMORANDUM 56-19 (6-3-45) SUBJECT: S.O.P. IN EVENT OF PPF FAILURE. TARGET WITHIN 5 MILES OF P/W CAMPS WILL BE AVOIDED.





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ANNEX NR.1 TO FIELD ORDER NR.204-791

IN PLAN "A" CHANGE PAR. 3. A. (12) TO READ :

(12) T.O.T. - 1ST BOX : ZERO HOUR
2ND BOX : ZERO HOUR PLUS 30 MINUTES.

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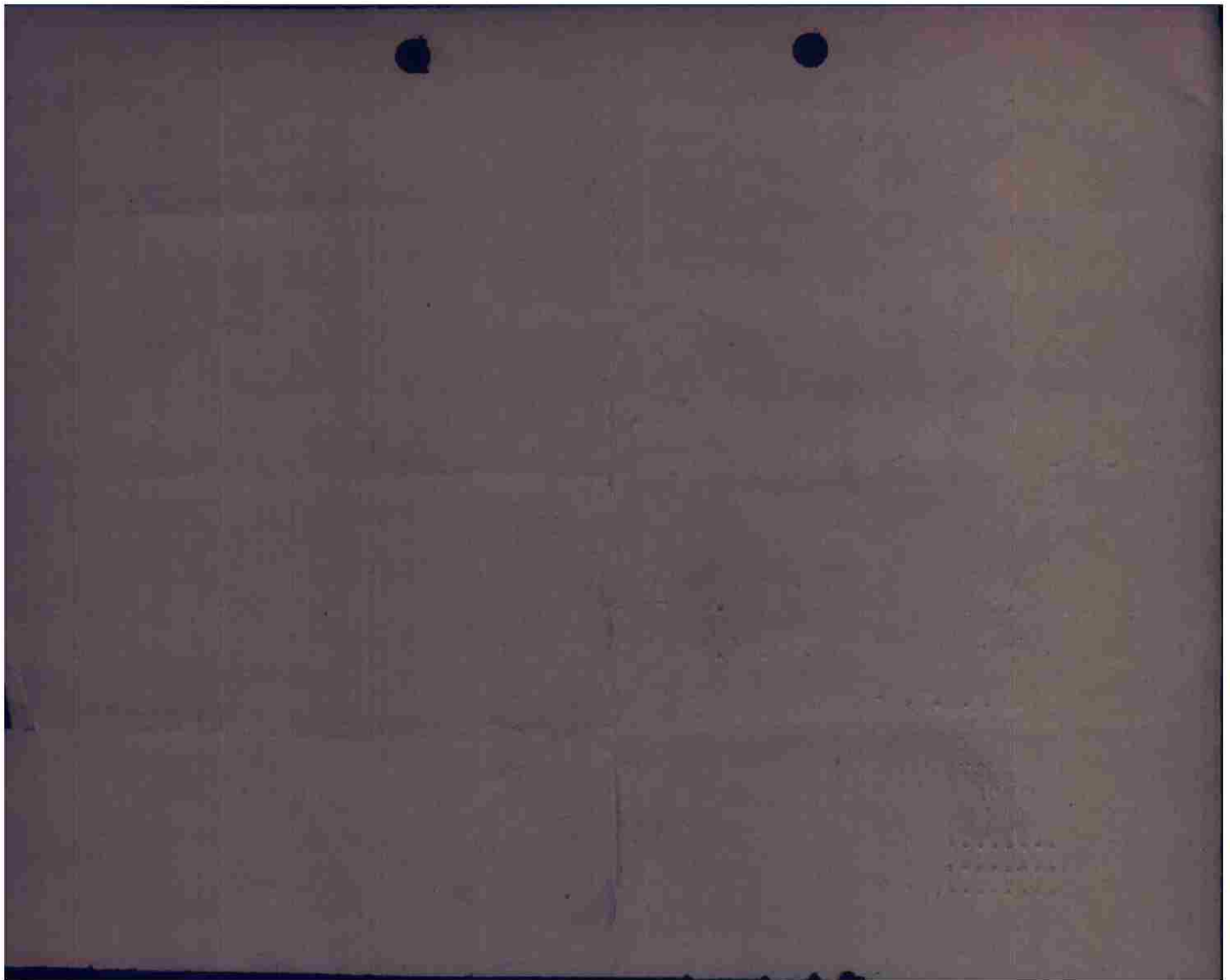
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TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
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ANNEX NO. 2 TO F.O. NO. 204-791

CHANGE THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH ON PLAN "B" TO READ:

3. B. (9) MPI: 3/AIR/351/2 COVER ANNOTATED LANDING GROUND, TO BE
USED IF BOMBING IS VISUAL BY FLIGHTS OR BOXES.
PPF MPI: CGCS 4414 SHEET 5616 GRID. COORD.: 52409305.
70 FEET INTERVAL IS DESIRED.

CHANGE ZERO HOUR TO READ:

ZERO HOUR PLAN "A" 14/1400A
ZERO HOUR PLAN "B" 14/1400A

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TO : COMBOMDIV NINE
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ANNEX NO. 3 TO FIELD ORDER NO. 204-791

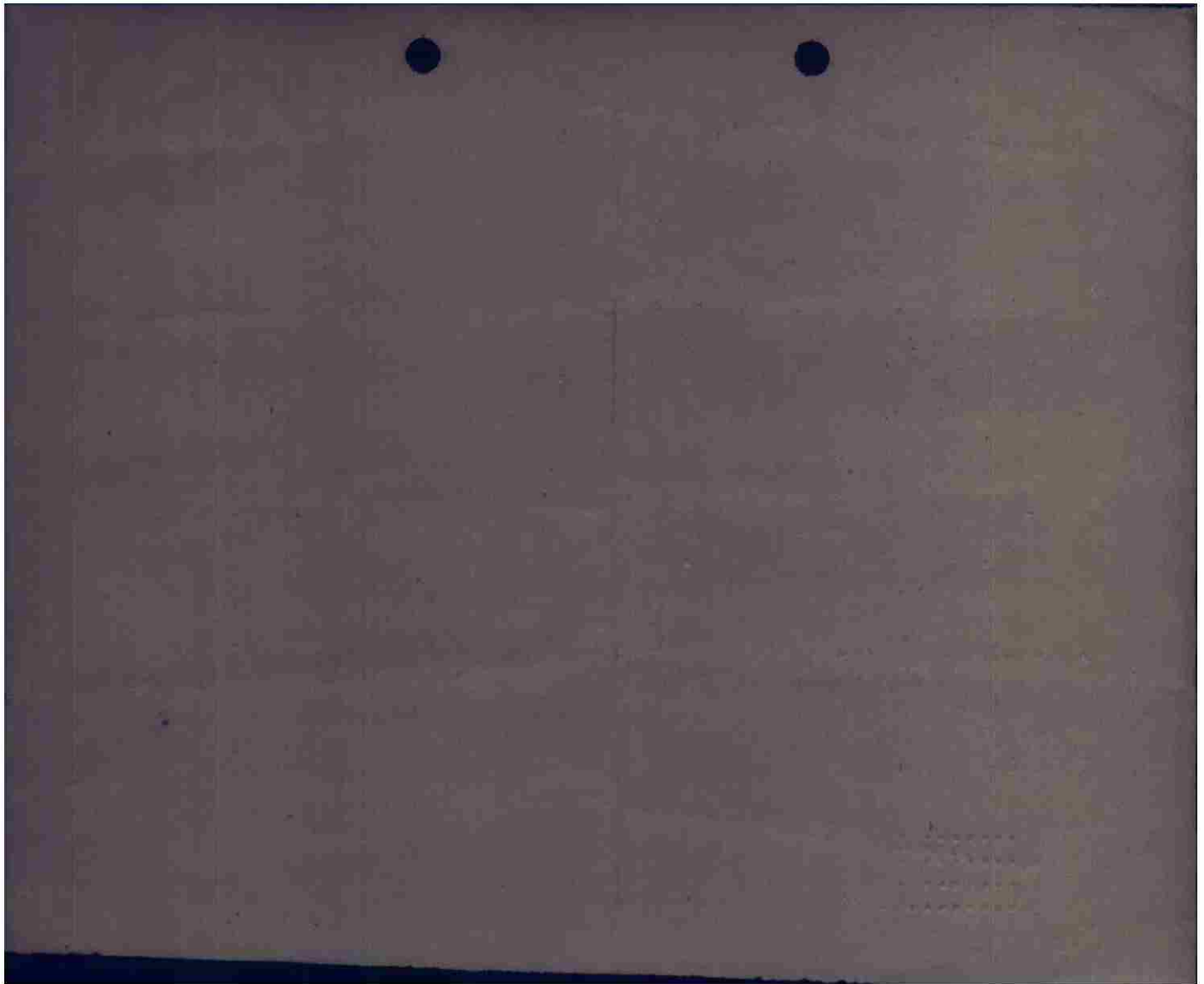
CHANGE THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH ON PLAN "B" TO READ:

3. B. (3) WITH P.P.F. A/C OVER THE FIELD. WITH FIGHTERS AT P-5658
AT 13,000 FEET AT ZERO MINUS 42 MIN.

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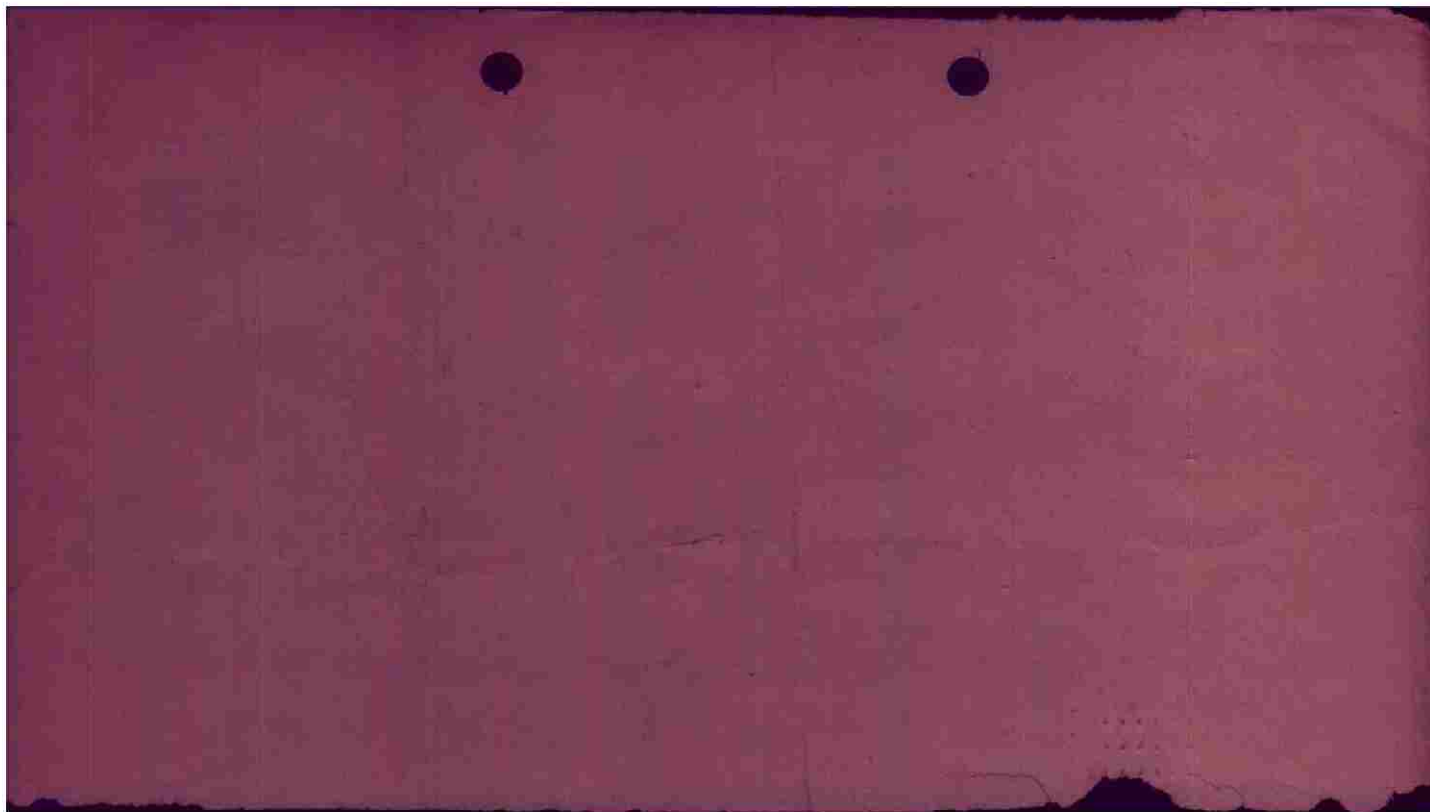
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CANCEL PLAN "B" - PLAN "A" IN EFFECT.

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Lt J H Blomgren
Lt G G Johnson
S/S M Bookach

3. 361 M
Lt J P Kenny
Sgt J J Sittarich
Major H R Lewis (II Arm'd)

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Lt F R Tank
Sgt F B Harmon

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Lt G J Parkhurst
Cpl J B Young

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Lt A S Galloway
Lt F A Reeves
S/S W J Brown

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Lt J A Willard
Sgt C V Hinker

3. 271 R
Lt C M Anderson
Sgt C Gilbert

4. 354 S
Lt M W DuBois
S/S D L Griffin
S/S J C Ottaviano

5. 383 V
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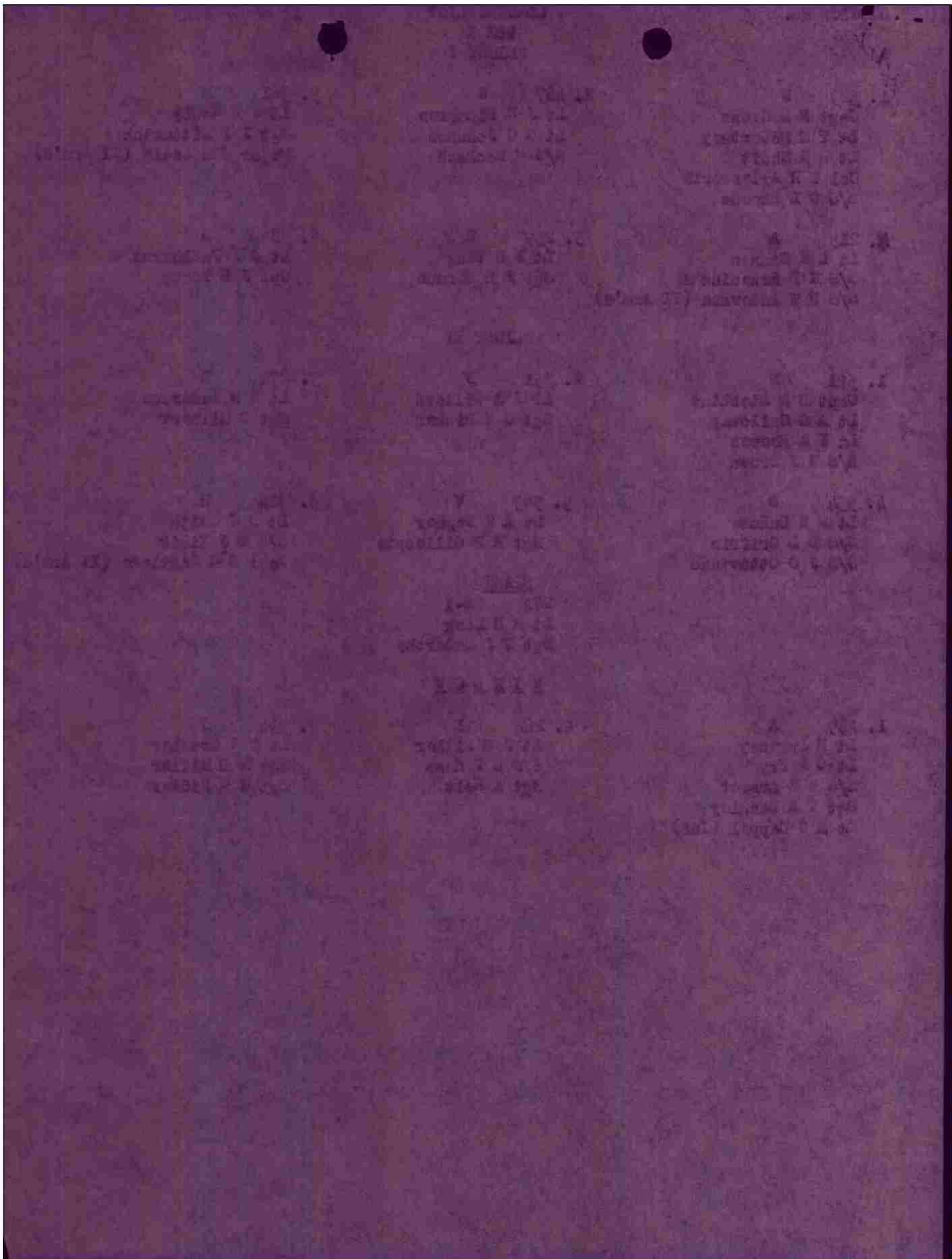
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Lt J H Miller
S/S G F Huss
Sgt A Helt

3. 334 J
Lt T E Graeber
Sgt A H Miller
Sgt E W Fidler



MISSION NO. 295

LOADING LIST
BOX II
FLIGHT I

14 MARCH 1945

1. 528 T
Lt R J Rooney
Lt R L Kirk
Lt N C McNutt
S/S S R Caudell

4. 416 O
Lt P P Barausky
Svt E R Wilson

2. 507 Q
Lt W R Heinke
Lt A R Rosanquist
S/S G R VanWert

5. 223 B
Lt J F Stankowski
Sgt O R Milzett

3. 215 R
Capt R O Greutzemacher
S/S S J Majewski

6. 307 N
Lt A R Turman
S/S L L Leahigh

FLIGHT II

1. 498 R
Capt H F Pair
Lt J L Corum
S/S H S Fessler

4. 313 B
Capt S M Hixon
S/S A H Hinson

2. 497 E
Capt R J Nutt
Lt A G Germana
Sgt W Wood

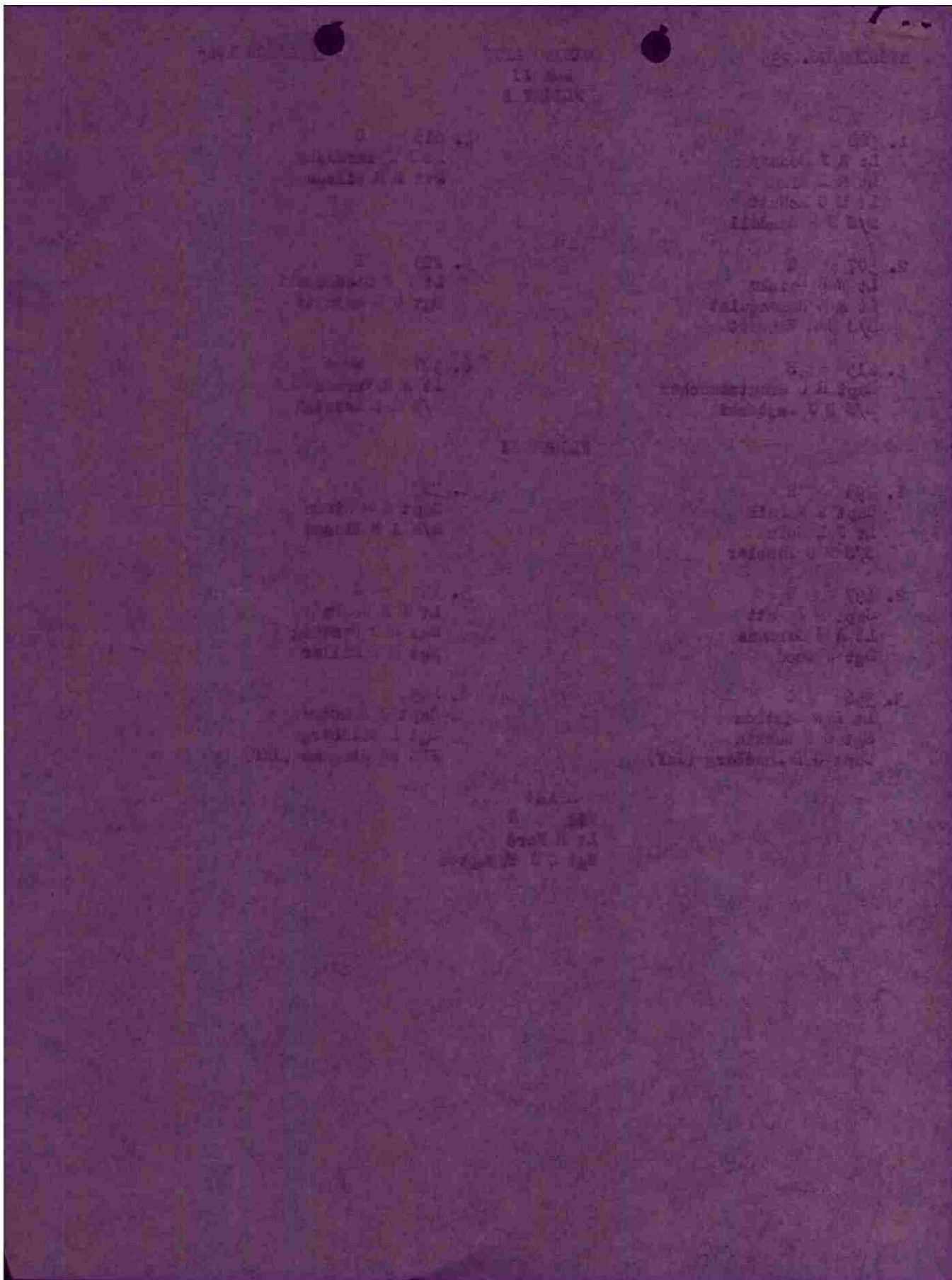
5. 352 J
Lt J B Cooke
Sgt R D Redding
Sgt H K Miller

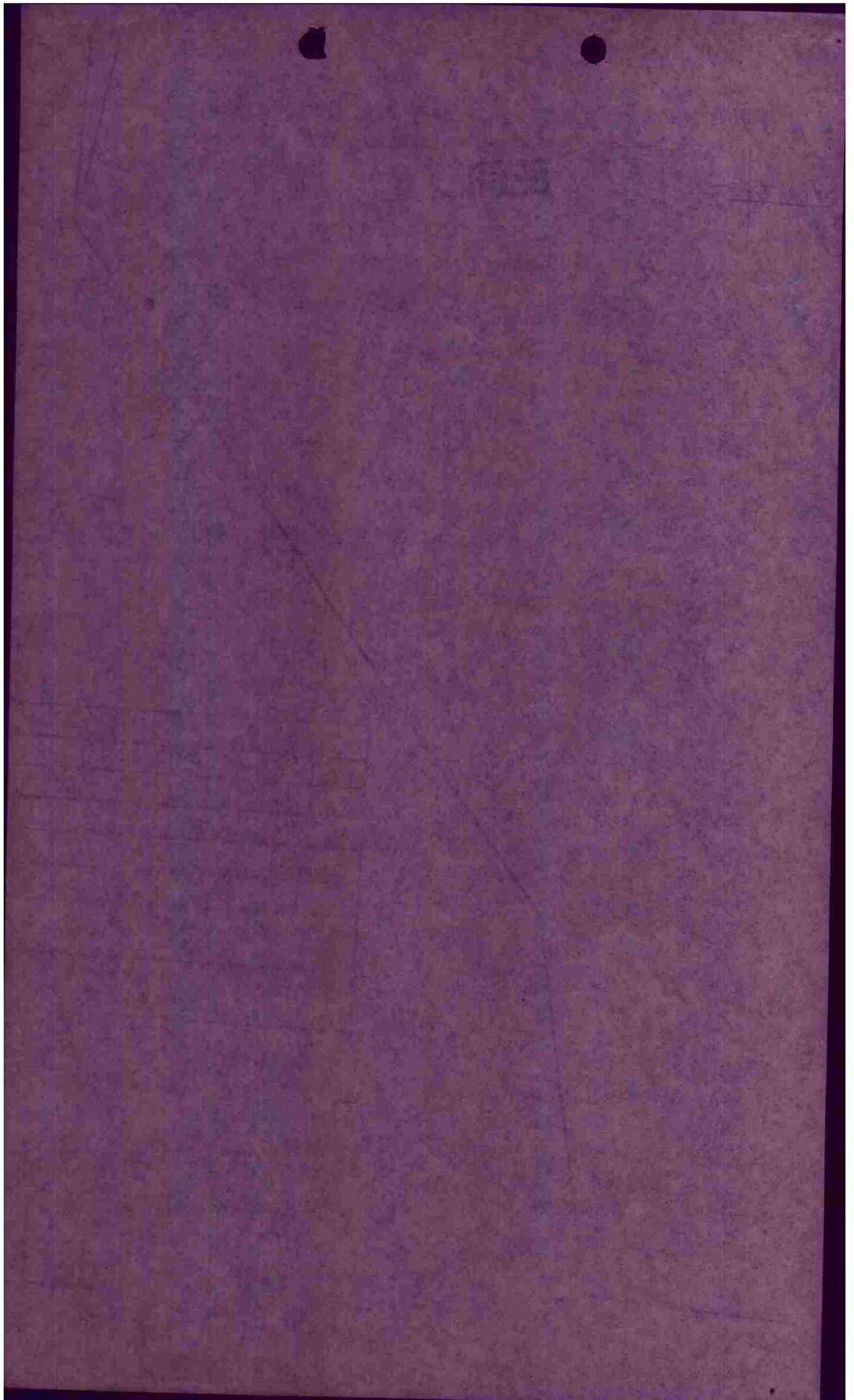
3. 356 C
Lt L W Edstrom
Sgt C W Gurkin
Capt G B Lundberg (Inf)

6. 209 M
Capt Z R Moore
Sgt L Goldberg
FFG RR Stegman (Inf)

SPARE

224 E
Lt R Ford
Sgt C J Thompson





C O N F I D E N T I A L

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HEADQUARTERS
116TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
OFFICE OF THE RADAR OFFICER

APO 140, U S ARMY,
15 MARCH 1945.

SUBJECT: REPORT OF OPERATIONAL USE OF WINDOW.

TO : RADAR COUNTERMEASURES OFFICER, 9TH BOMBARDMENT
DIVISION (M), APO 140 US ARMY.

1. RCM DISPENSING 63.
2. 14 MARCH 1945.
3. NO FLAK
4. 50⁰ 14N 80 53E
5. 51⁰ 26N 80 52E
6. 3
7. 17 PACKAGES TYPE 28 (3)
8. 325⁰ AT 15 MPH
9. 11000 FT TO 12000 FT
10. NIL (HEAVY GOUND HAZE)
11. ~~XXX~~ - -
12. - - - -
13. - - - -
14. - - - -
15. WINDOW FROM ONE OF THE WINDOW SHIPS CLOGGED UP
THE GUARD PROTECTING THE "SITE" OF THE LOWER
TURRET. THIS LIMITED THE VISUAL RANGE OF THE
GUNNER.

CHARLES F. GUNDERSON,
1ST LT, C.A.C.,
RADAR OFFICER.

USAAF FORM 34A

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HEADQUARTERS
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
Office of the Commanding Officer

AUTH: CO STA
DATE: 16 March 1945
INIT:

TO: Commanding General, 9th Bombardment Division (M), APO 140, U. S. Army.
Attention: Statistical Control.

From: 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, U.S. Army.

Ref: Oprep A No. 345 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 14 March 1945
Mission or Operation No. 235 97th SIG SIG 204-791

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Neider-Harzburg R/R Bridge
Place of take-off Station A-63
Place of landing Station A-63
Take-off time 1716 Landing time 1726
Time over target 1821-1830 Bombing Altitude 11000-12000
Nature of mission Bombing Other None
Weather Heavy ground haze, Visibility 2 miles.
Results MAC 105 (ASBT) - MAC - 833 (ASBT)
Enemy opposition None

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 28 A-24's

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.
19 Neider-Harzburg R/R Bridge
6 Canal bridge between Osterbagen
3 and primary target
Wieser

3. Abortive due to:
(1) Weather: None
(2) Personnel: None
(3) Mechanical: None
(4) Other: None

4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None

5. Destroyed - before reaching target None
giving cause where known

6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None
target giving cause where known

7. Damaged (give category & cause) None

8. Sorties 28

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(over)

S E C R E T

GEORGE SCHENKIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

For the Commanding Officer:

- a. Destroyed None
- b. Prop. Pos None
- c. Damaged None

H. Enemy aircraft by type or description (tentative entries):

Type of	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	F. Gun	E. Gun	T. Gun
Killed in action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missing in action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seriously wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slightly wounded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

G. Own Personnel Casualties:

- a. Total Returned None
- b. Lost or wrecked on missing a/c None
- c. Detained None

b. Expended on operations: (List targets separately)

100 x 1000 lb.

c. Total carried into air:

100 x 1000 lb. 1/1000

Bombs, flares, etc. used:

a. Total carried into air

2000 x 50 caliber

b. Expended on operations

200 x 50 caliber (loading)

c. Lost on wrecked or missing a/c

None

D. Ammunition by caliber:

b. Night (Sunset to sunset)

None

D. Total operational flying hours

100:35

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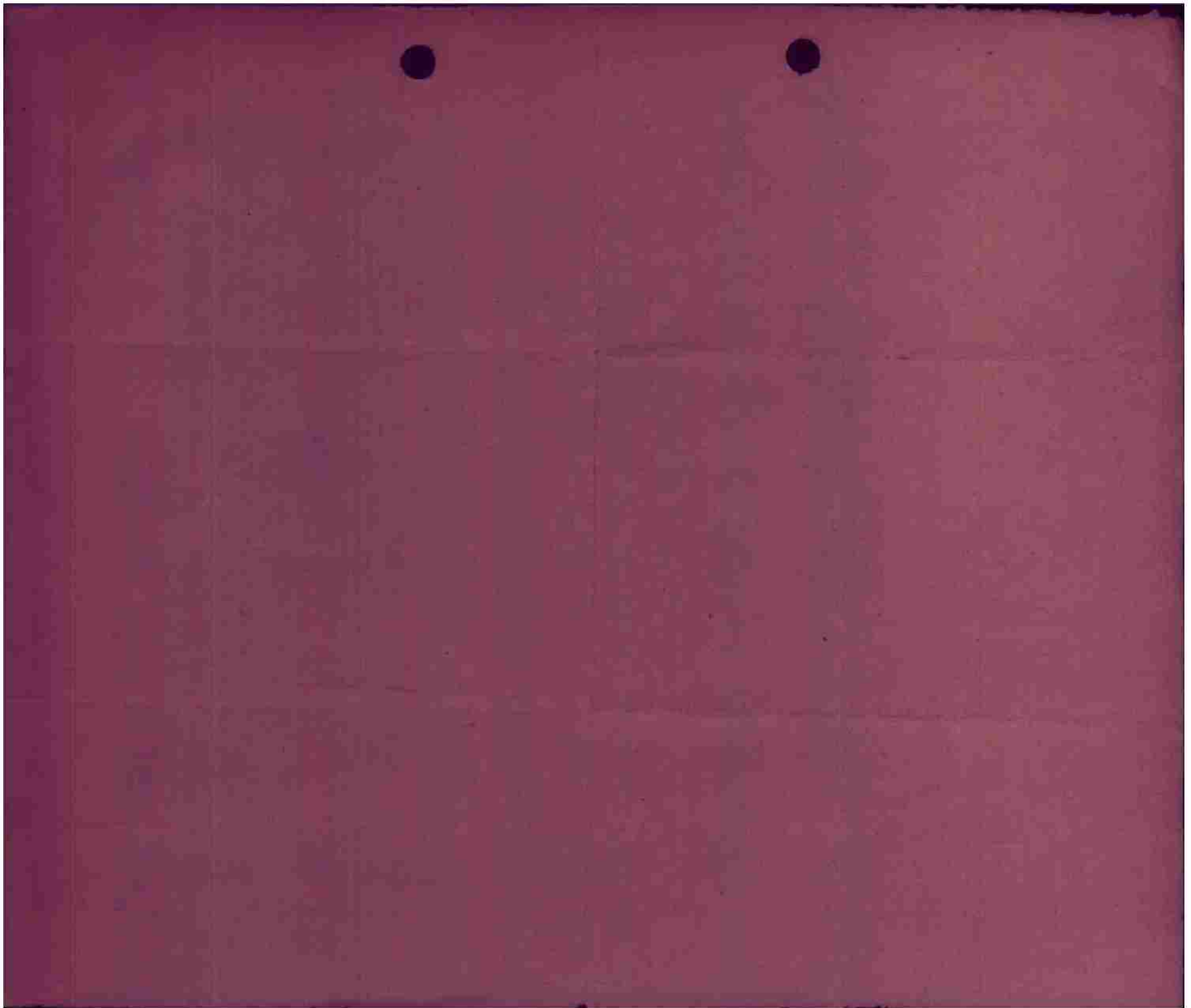
ITA JEA V JKI JKI 19/14 P P
FROM COBOMGR 416 14/1830A
TO COMBOMDIV NINE ATTN: SIGNAL OFFICER
COMCBTWIG 97 (INFO)

BT
CONFIDENTIAL 416BG R-299-J

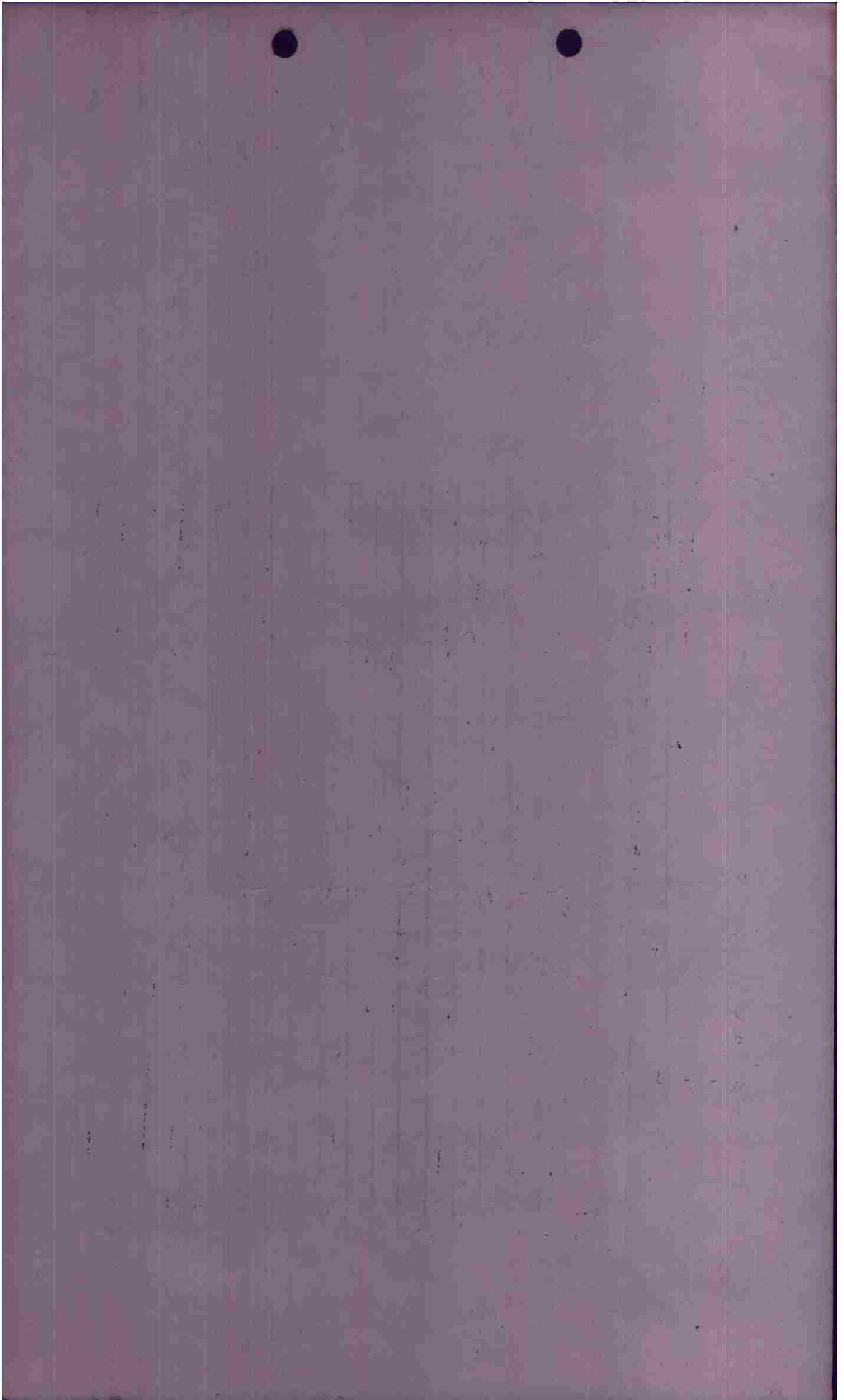
A - YS - 63
B - 14 MARCH 1945 (1315-1607)
C - N-NAN AND T-TARE REPORTED COMPLETION OF "OPS" TO PARADE.
D - N-NAN CONTACTED F.G.C., REPORTING ARRIVAL AT FIGHTER RENDEZVOUS.
E - NONE
F - NONE
G - NONE
H - NONE
I - NONE
J - NONE
K - NONE

AYLESWORTH COBOMGR 416
BT 14/1830A
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M
ITA R. . . .14/2156A NEH AR K

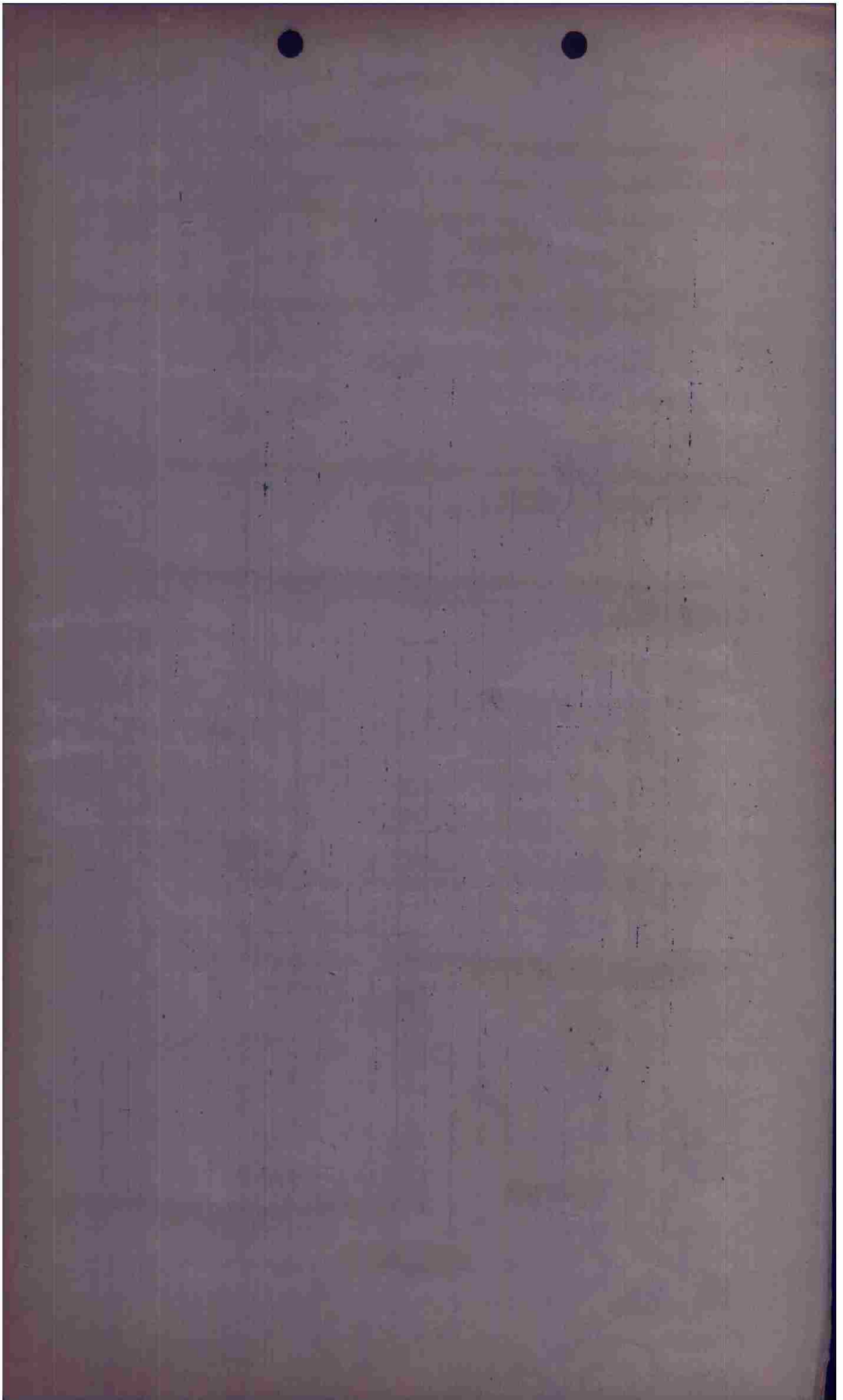
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Box #	OpsFl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O TOT L/D	15 min.	Bomb IISP		A/C Dam		E/A		Pers.	
									ATT	F S O	F S J F R	M D A A C B E D P D K W M	E/A	E/A		
II		March 1945				Borowy										
A/C	Fail to Bomb															
No.	Reason															
1 528		✓	4													✓ 528 Gutierrez, Sprike 2/3 507
2 504		✓	4													✓ Borowy
3 215		✓	4													✓ 4/6
4 416		✓	4													✓ Turman, Stankowski 307 223
5 223		✓	4													
6 307		✓	4													
1 498		✓	4													
2 497		✓	4													
3 356		✓	4													
4 313		✓	4													
5 352		✓	4													
6 269		✓	4													
222		✓	52													
1 469		✓														
2 264		✓														
3 334		✓														



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PILOT Green A/C# 334 BOX 111 FLT _____

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : XHF at bombline
white trails of smoke coming straight
up 10 miles NE of target.

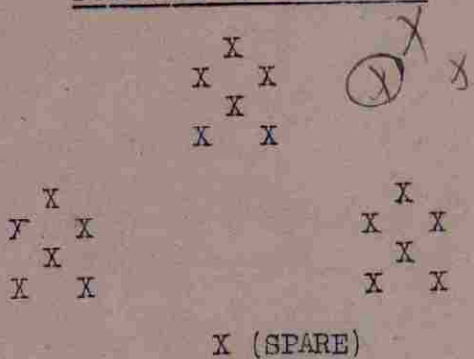
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil.

OBSERVATIONS :

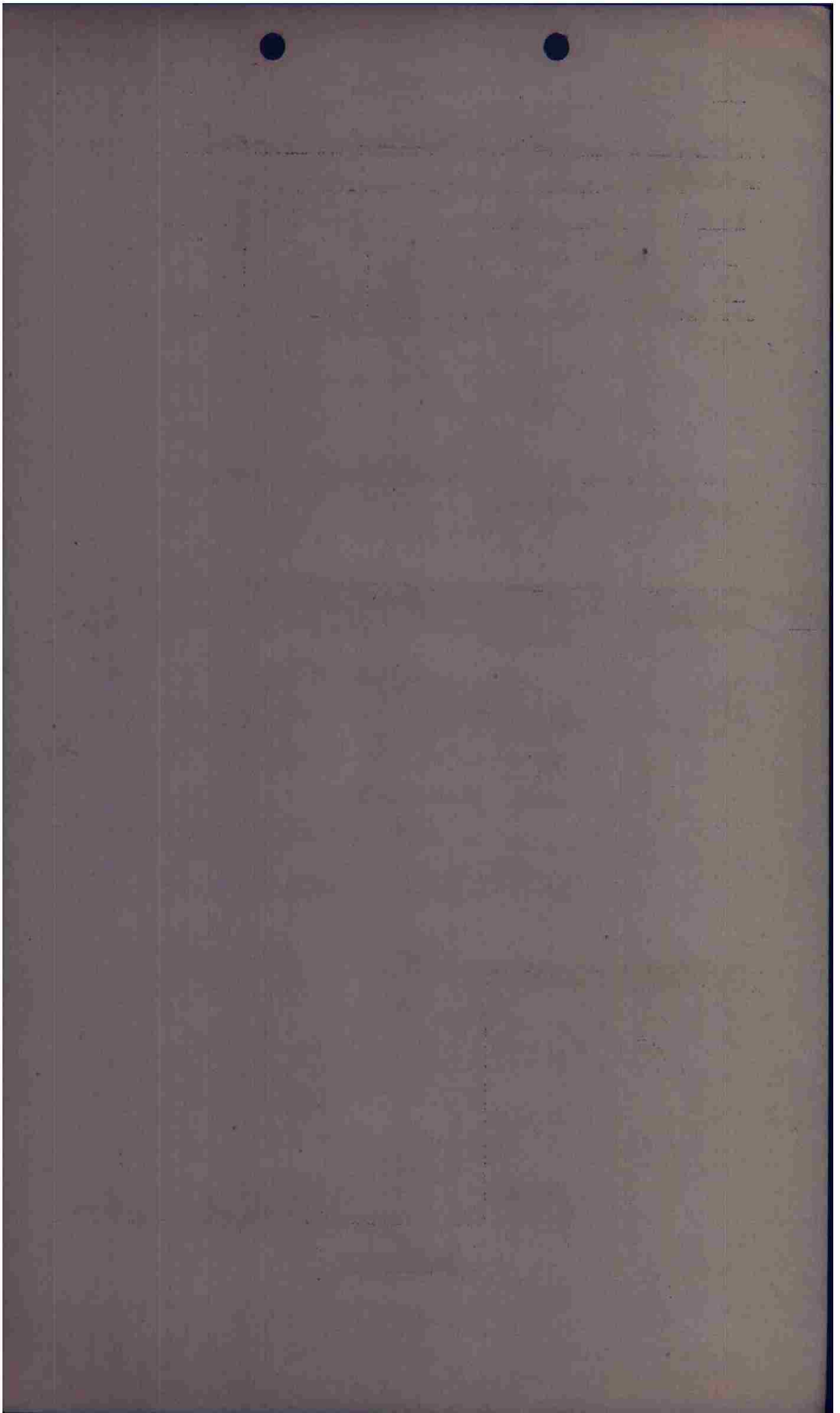
Window out on bombline - 2nd bomb run
far first run, only half box left
which was thrown out at B/L on way out
ahead of formation about 200 yds & below
Window below formation
Window thrown out about 2-3 minutes

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Sherry A/C# 169 BOX Whitford FLT _____

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

his (only) replied
Band

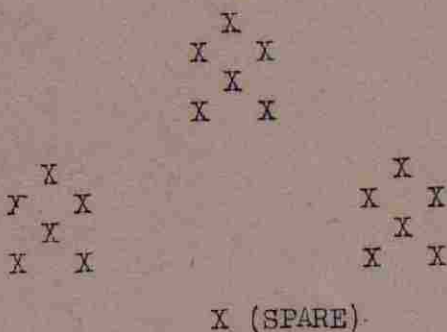
OBSERVATIONS :

Full below OK until
formation separated
one flight - one was
2 another

1545 - heavy
flack 20 miles
away at lower
altitude - one
shot down

No activity on
highways

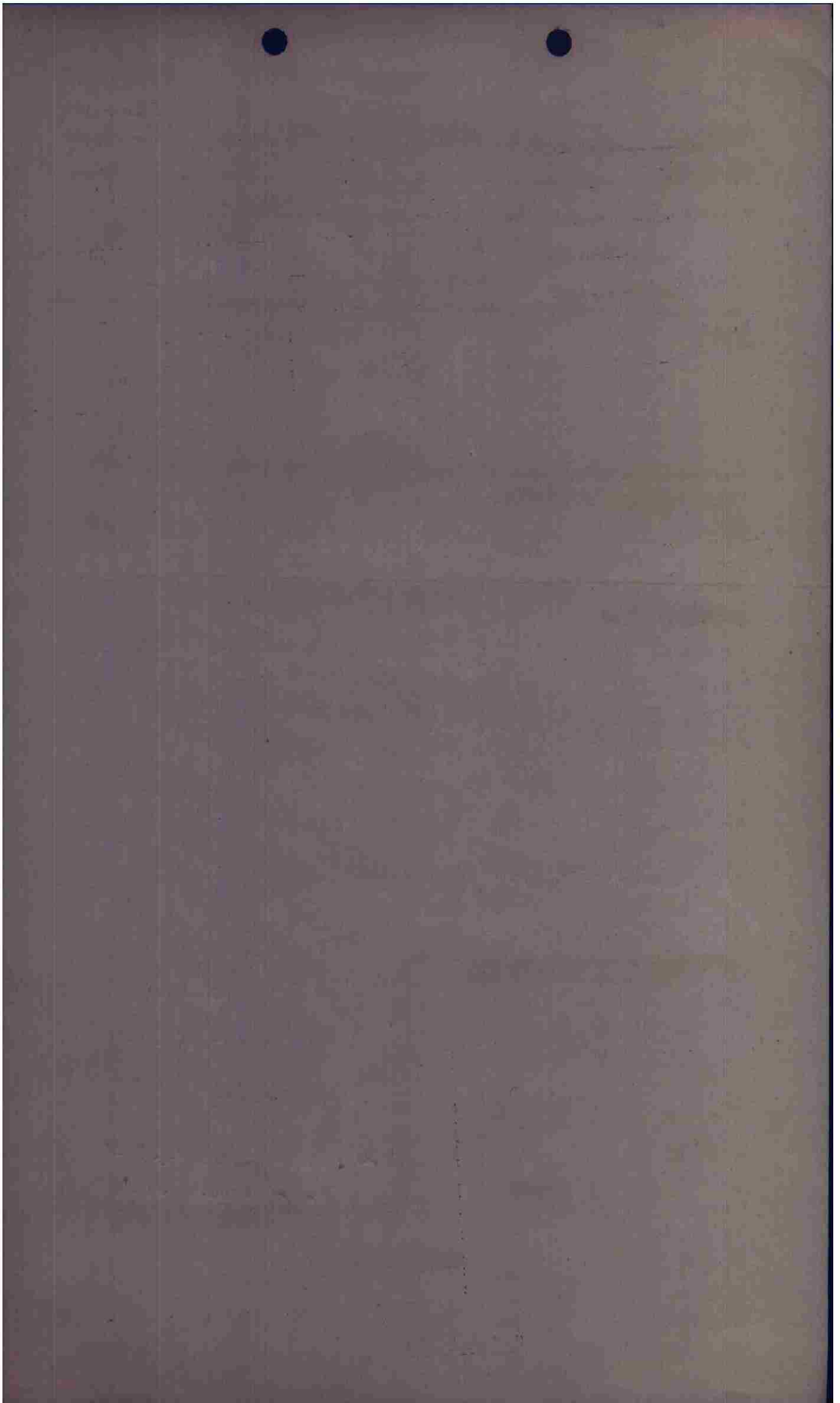
POSITION IN FORMATION

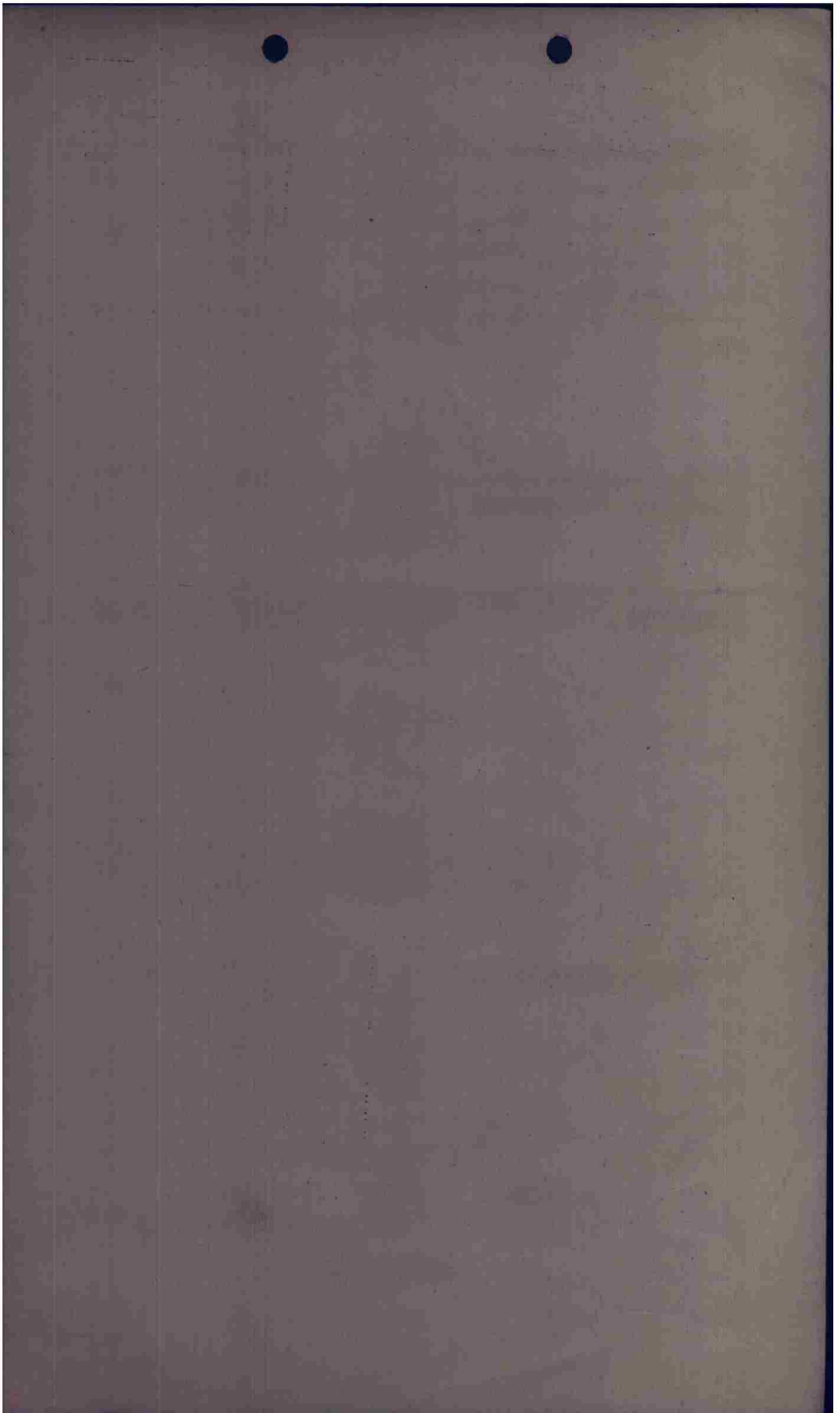


many down
with fire
to Base at cross
on above 1545

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 PILOT Kenny A/C# 361 BOX I FLT I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	X RETURNED	"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X JETTISONED	nil		

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Rept on incidents in area not seen

OBSERVATIONS :

at 1445 passed a town where 5 bridges were intact - one was a 13-5 pm concrete bridge.

12 Bangers (Rhein.) at town where we made exit over River. Town where bangers were was on fire. Rhein - Morville & many fires seen. Some smoke on hilltops in evening too.

POSITION INFORMATION

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      X
    (X) X
      X
    X  X

      X
    Y  X
      X
    X  X

      X
    X  X
      X

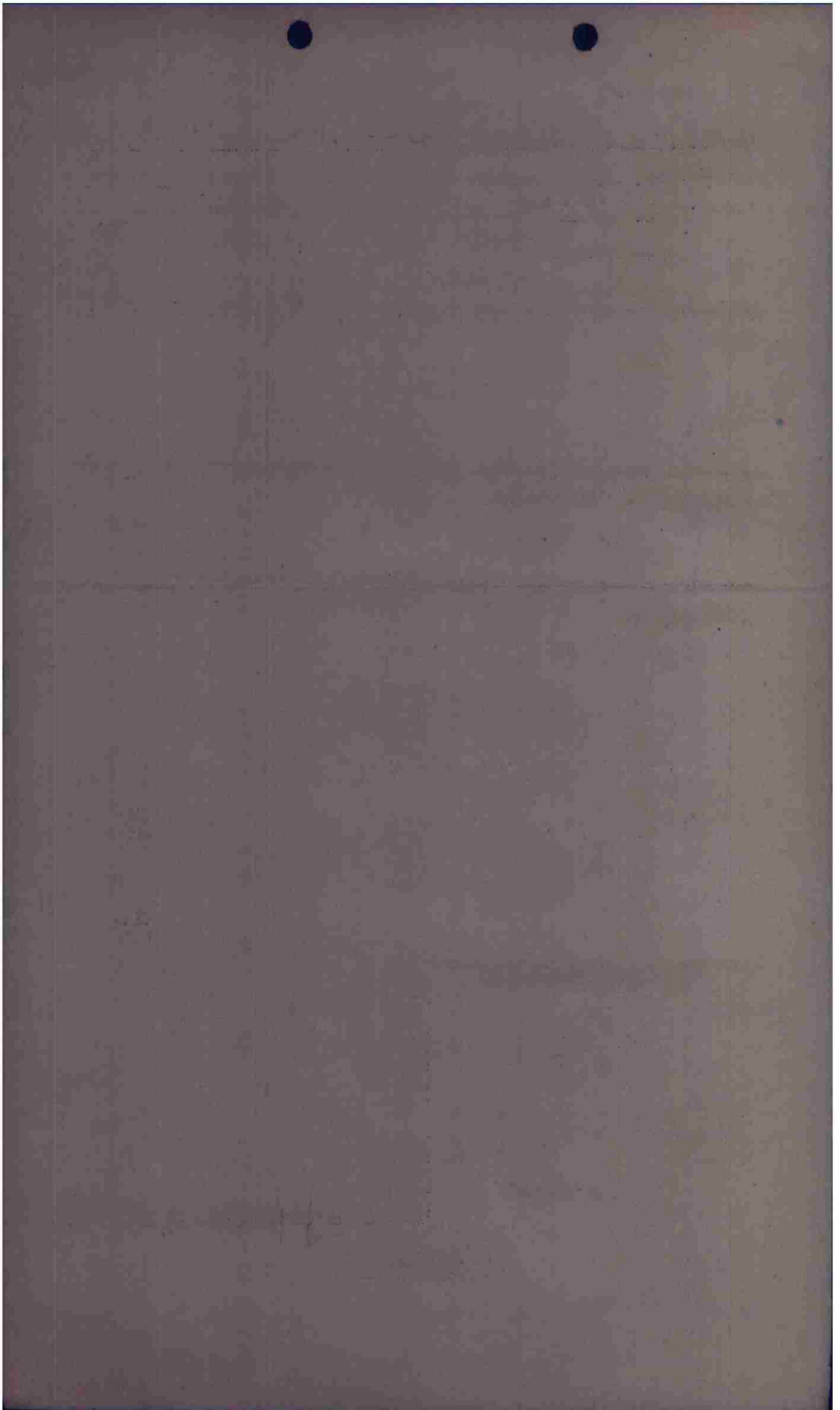
    X (SPARE)
    
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Bombs hit in woods close to town.

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PILOT W. J. ... A/C# 351 BOX I FLT II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u> X	<u>ON</u>			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED		<u>Nil</u>	

FLAK : at Bt - to right of formation
800 yds of 0

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Nil

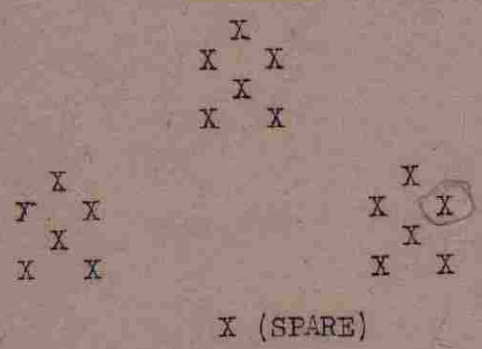
OBSERVATIONS :

Pl bridges to left on way
to Sgt near large
dam. All intact.

1450 - from attacked on
course by P47s

*Review at
 target & drop
 in about
 1000 ft
 made 4 runs.*

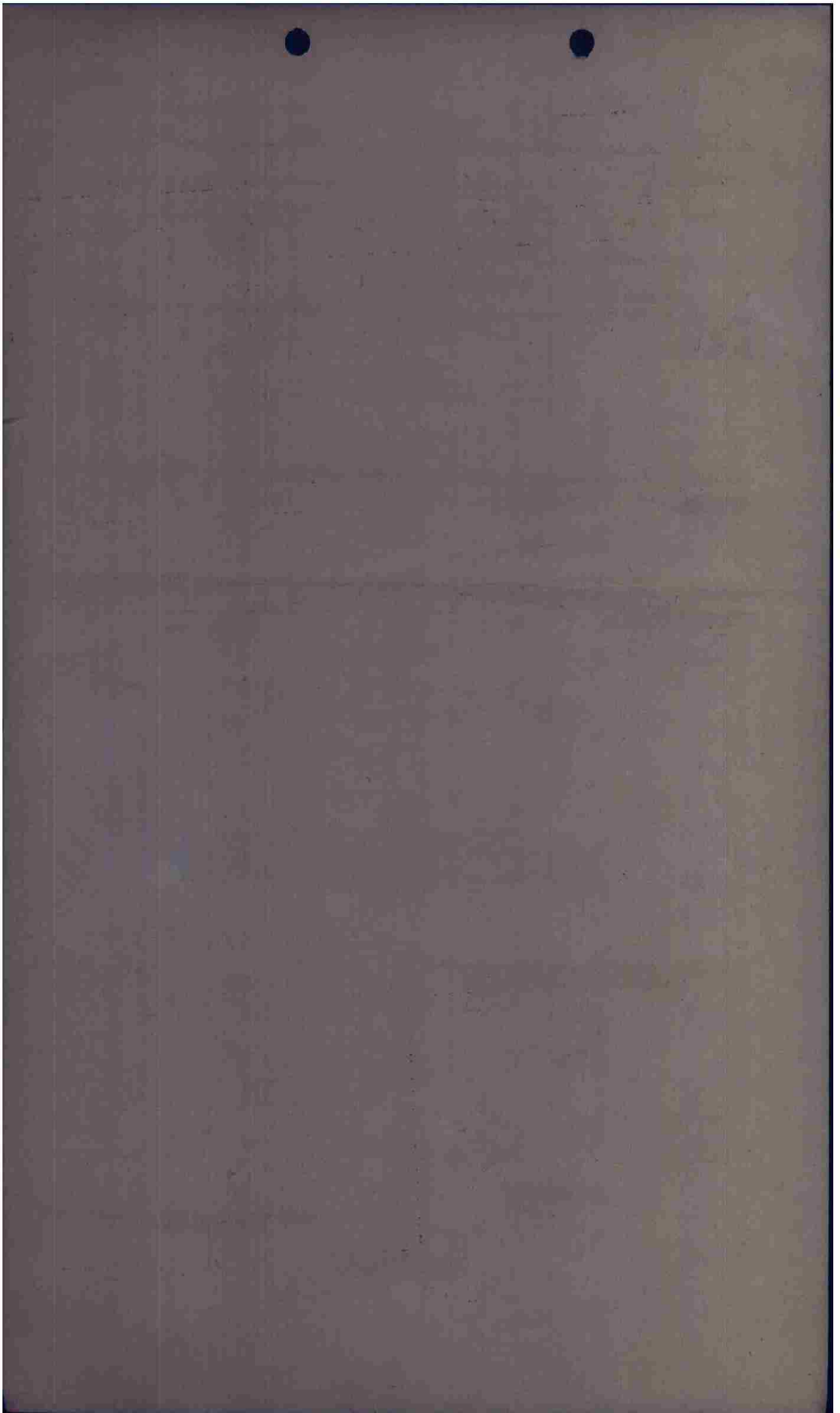
POSITION IN FORMATION



Boat headed
for our shore
in phase as we
made exit.
Lot of bombs

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INTERR. FORM

PILOT Reynolds A/C# 383 BOX I FLT II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u>	X	<u>1000</u>			
	X	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED			

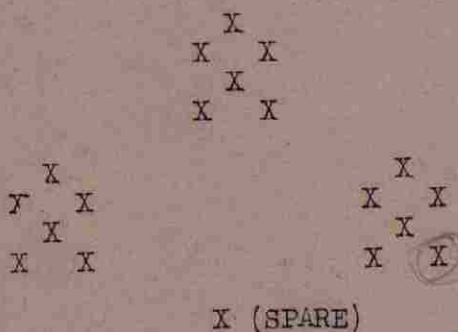
FLAK : None

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Shakes with rockets or bombs

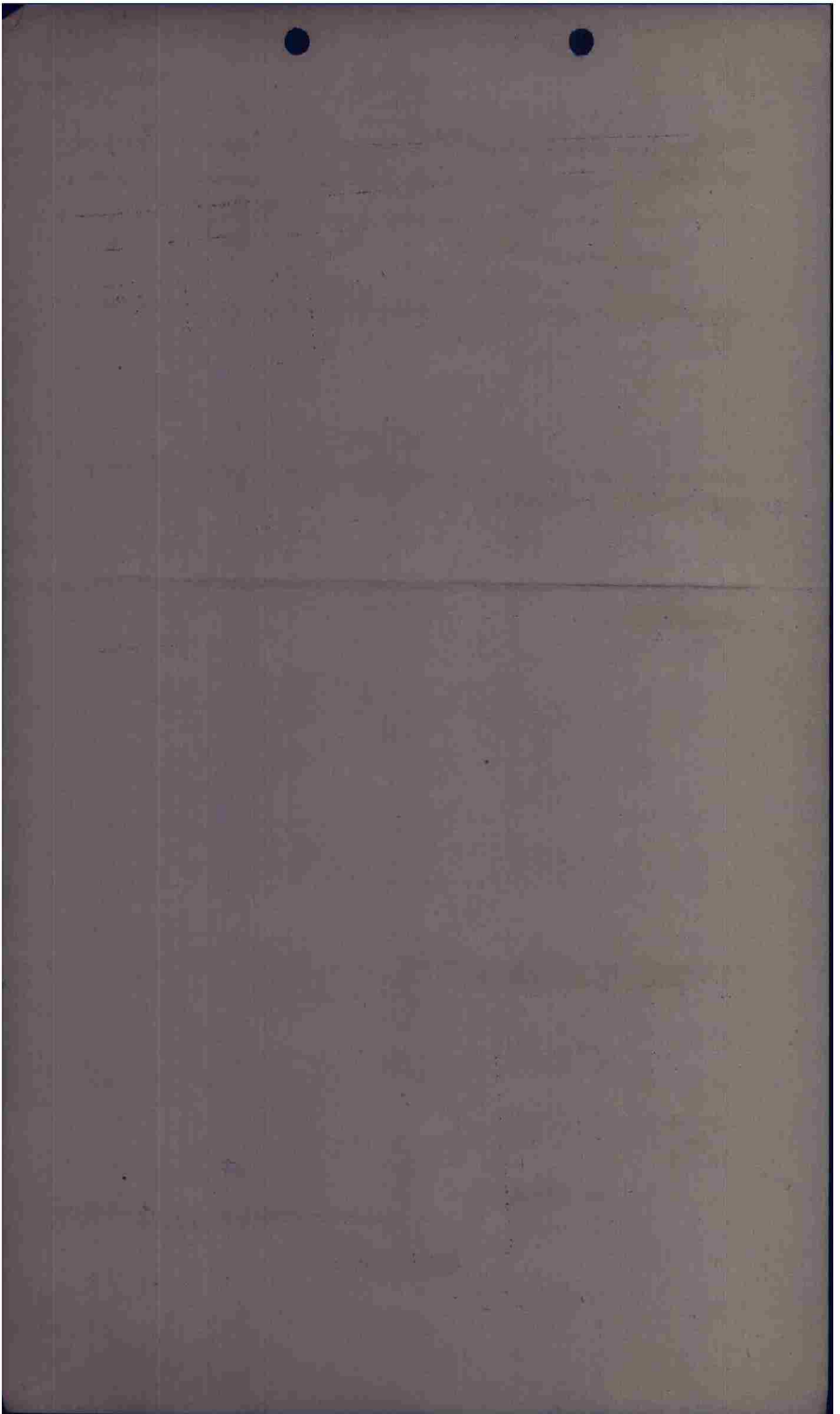
OBSERVATIONS :

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Anderson A/C# 344 BOX I FLT II

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	RETURNED	nil		
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK : nil for this form

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

12 Buzes
in Moselle at
junction
with Rhein

POSITION IN FORMATION

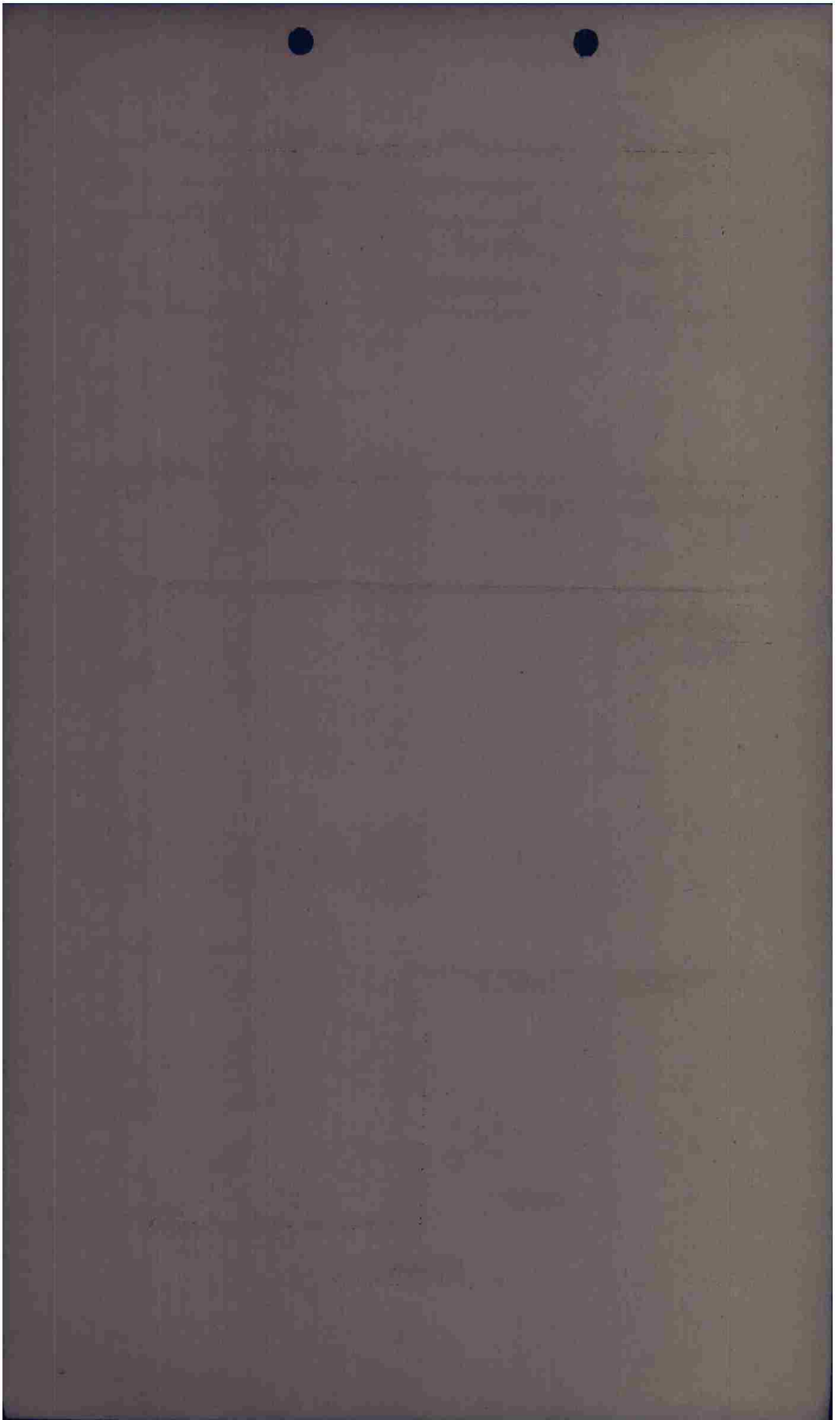
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      X
     X X
      X
     X X
  X
 Y X
  X
 X X
      X
 X (SPARE)

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Shurds
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PILOT Smith A/C# 314 BOX I FLT II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	RETURNED	:	:	:
	X	JETTISONED	:	:	:

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Returned Early

Oil coming out of engine

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
    X  X
      X
    X  X

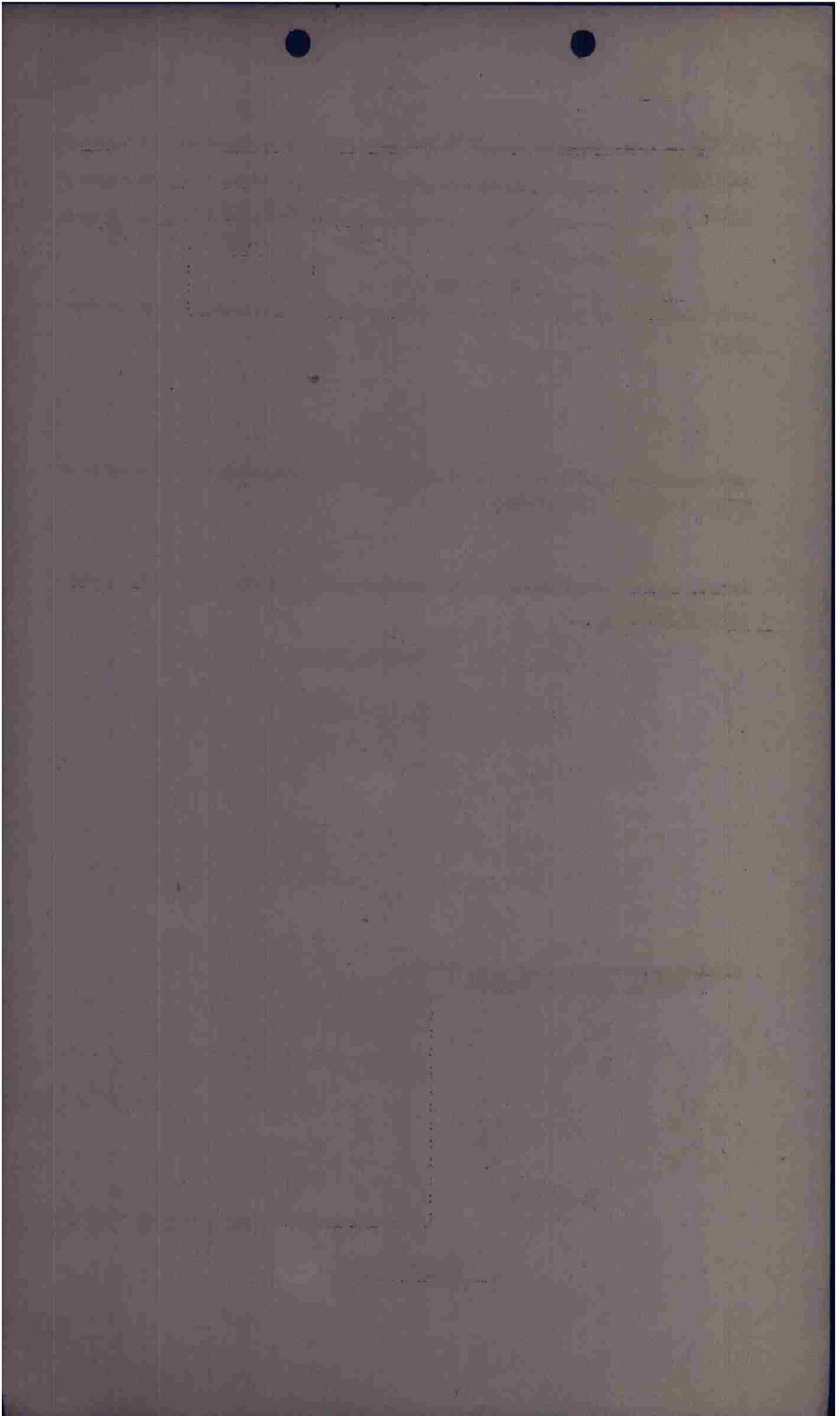
  X      X
Y  X    X  X
  X      X
X  X    X  X

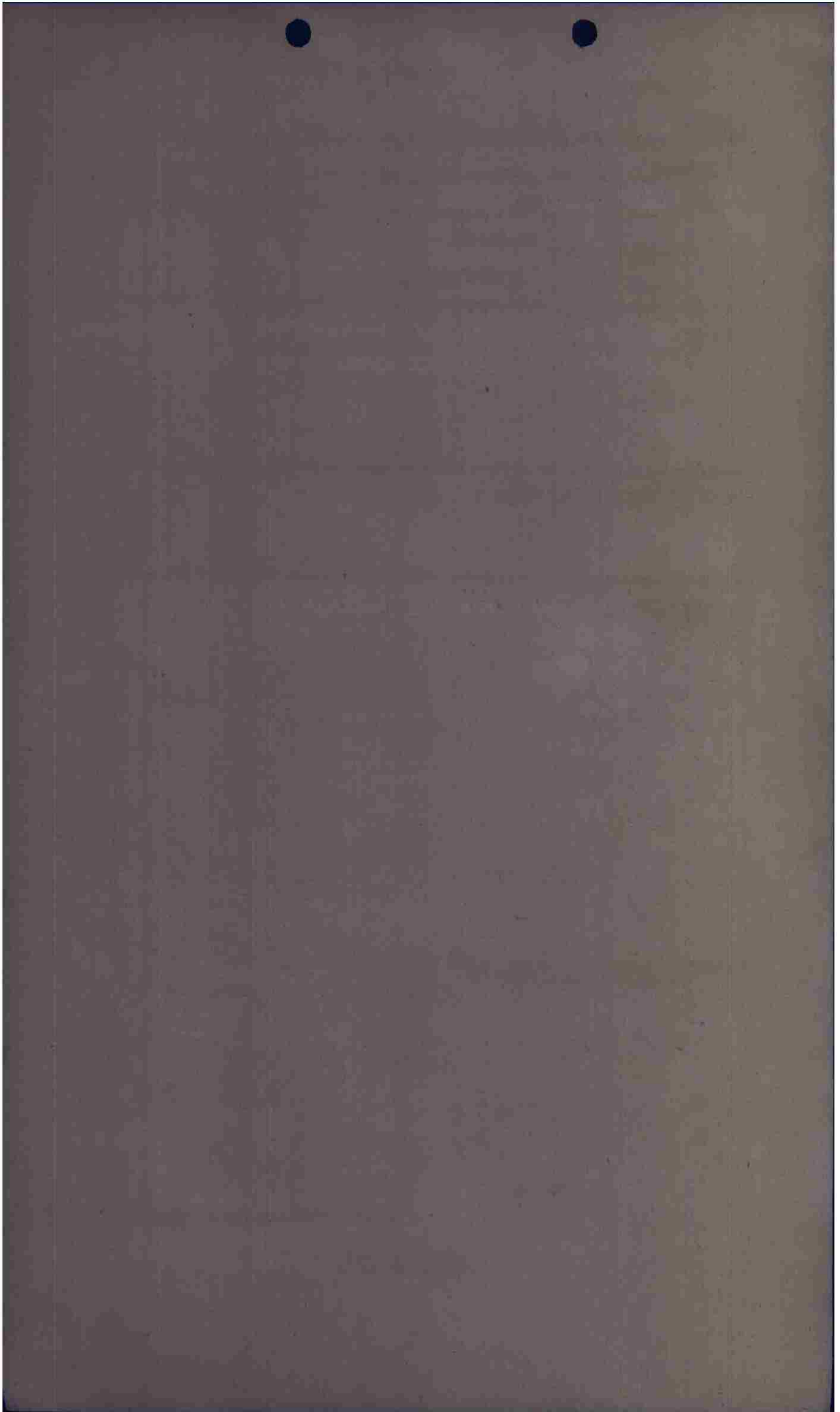
      X (SPARE)

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PILOT [Signature] A/C# 523 BOX I FLT I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	/ 1000	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
				"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X		RETURNED			
	X		JETTISONED	<u>nil</u>		

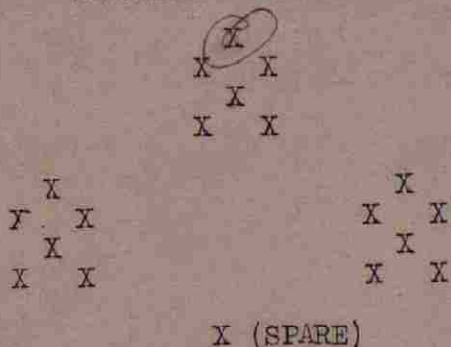
FLAK : Bombing flak at another formation about 5 miles away

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : Made 4 runs.

alt 12,000
alt 350°
IAS 240
TO T 1524 1/2

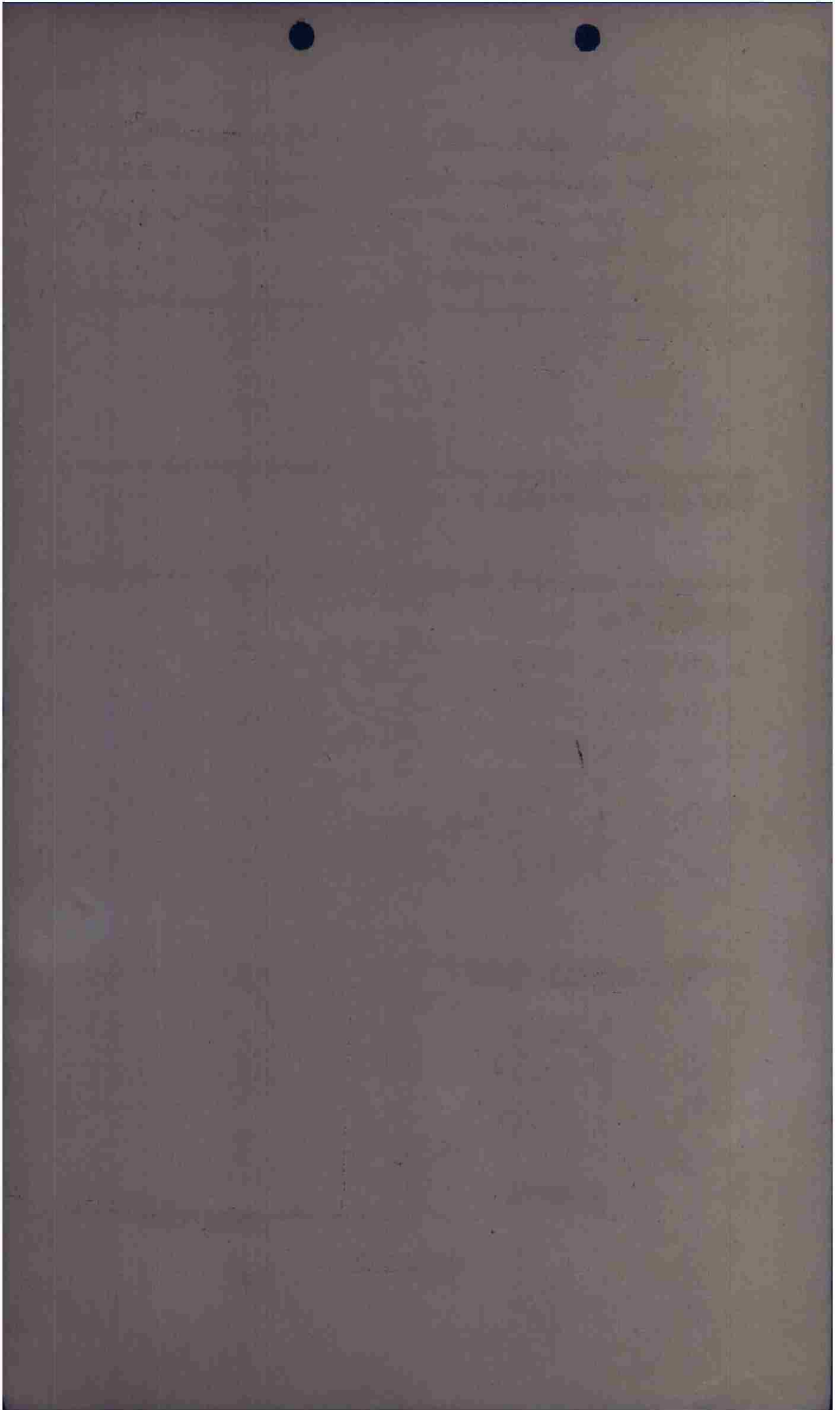
POSITION IN FORMATION



Remember this fl.
Fair

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PILOT Smith A/C# 259 BOX I FLT I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :			BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
4 X 1000	ON	5th landing			
X	RETURNED				
X	JETTISONED				

FLAK :

no flak at flt.

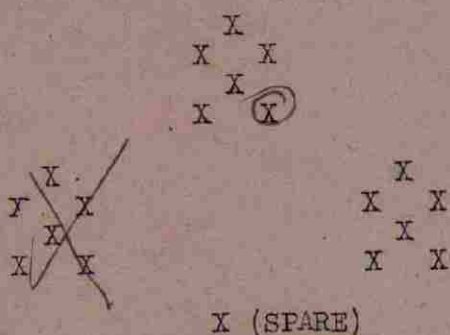
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

OBSERVATIONS :

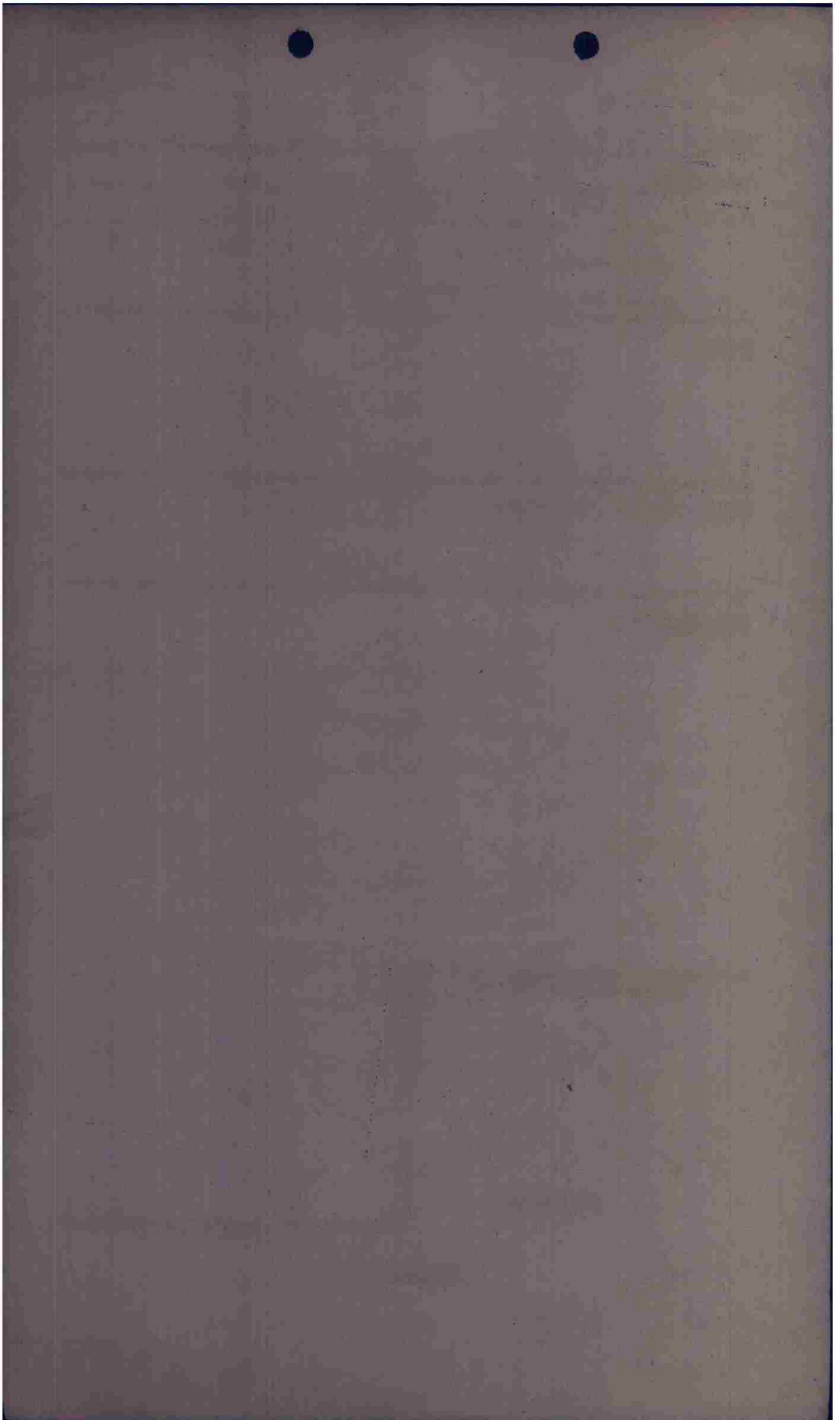
Explosion seen about 200 yds. beyond the bridge in water and to NE of tgt in woods about 200 yds.
1 Budy was still standing.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT B. Langman A/C# 492 BOX 5 FLT 1

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	RETURNED	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
4	X/100				
	X				
	X	JETTISONED			

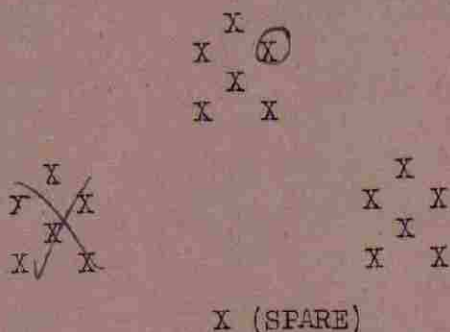
FLAK : _____

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Good escort.
 5th hit over target - about 1000 yds in woods.
 Heavy bozeat target
 3 runs at target.
 Heavy activity on B/C.
 B. 26's bombed Dillenbury. Good pattern at bridge & check point of gds.
 Town of Dillenbury was burning on way back.
 116 barges seen in Rhine river.

POSITION IN FORMATION

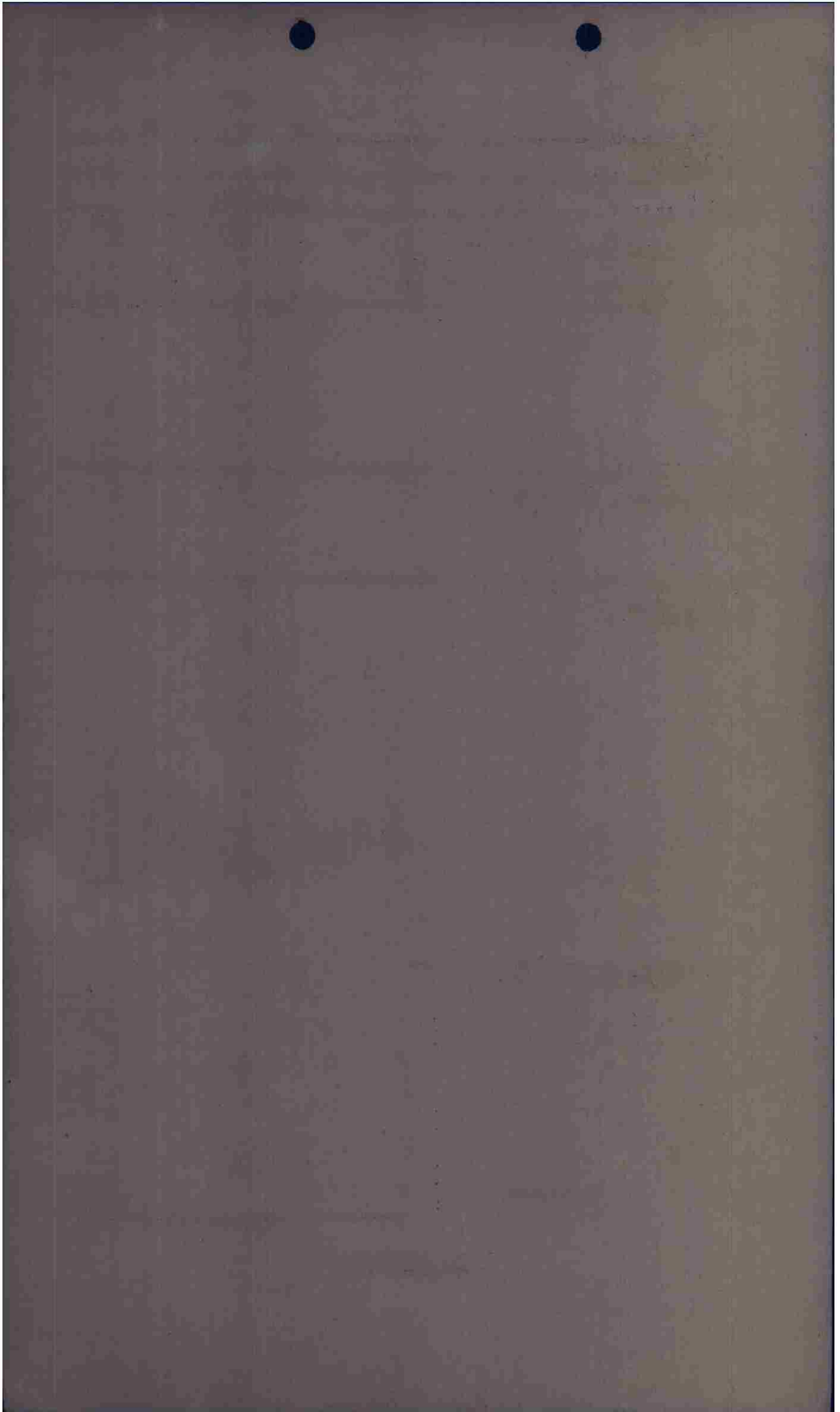


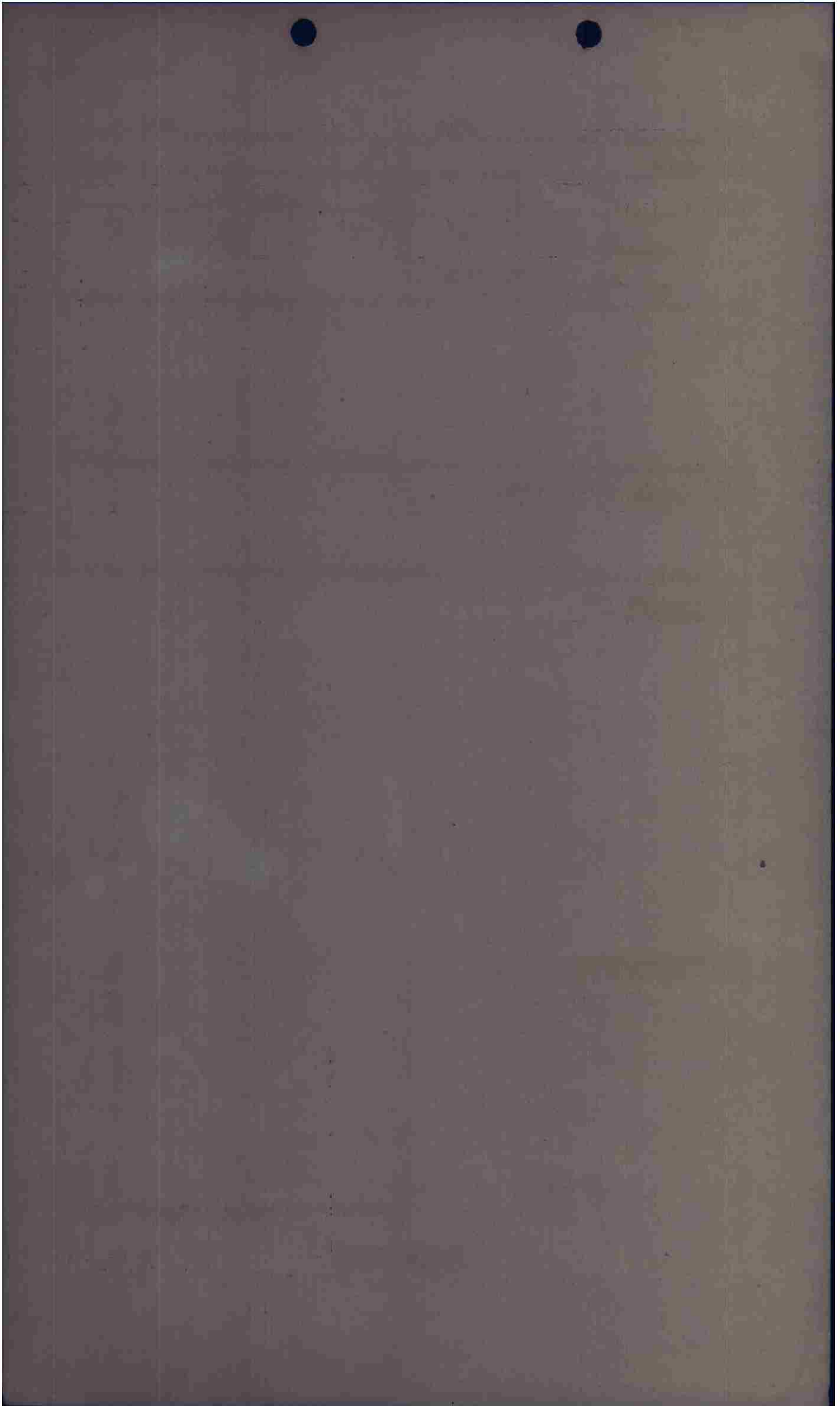
1 Tow moving down Rhine
 Sending m/y (crowd)
 with cars.

t.o.t. 1520 1/2
 alt - 1200
 Head 360
 1AS - 220
 HWA

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PILOT Ray A/C# 274 BOX I FLT II

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>				
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

*bombs in Tgt area
B/B over reservoir*

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X

  X   X   X
  X   X   X
  X   X   X

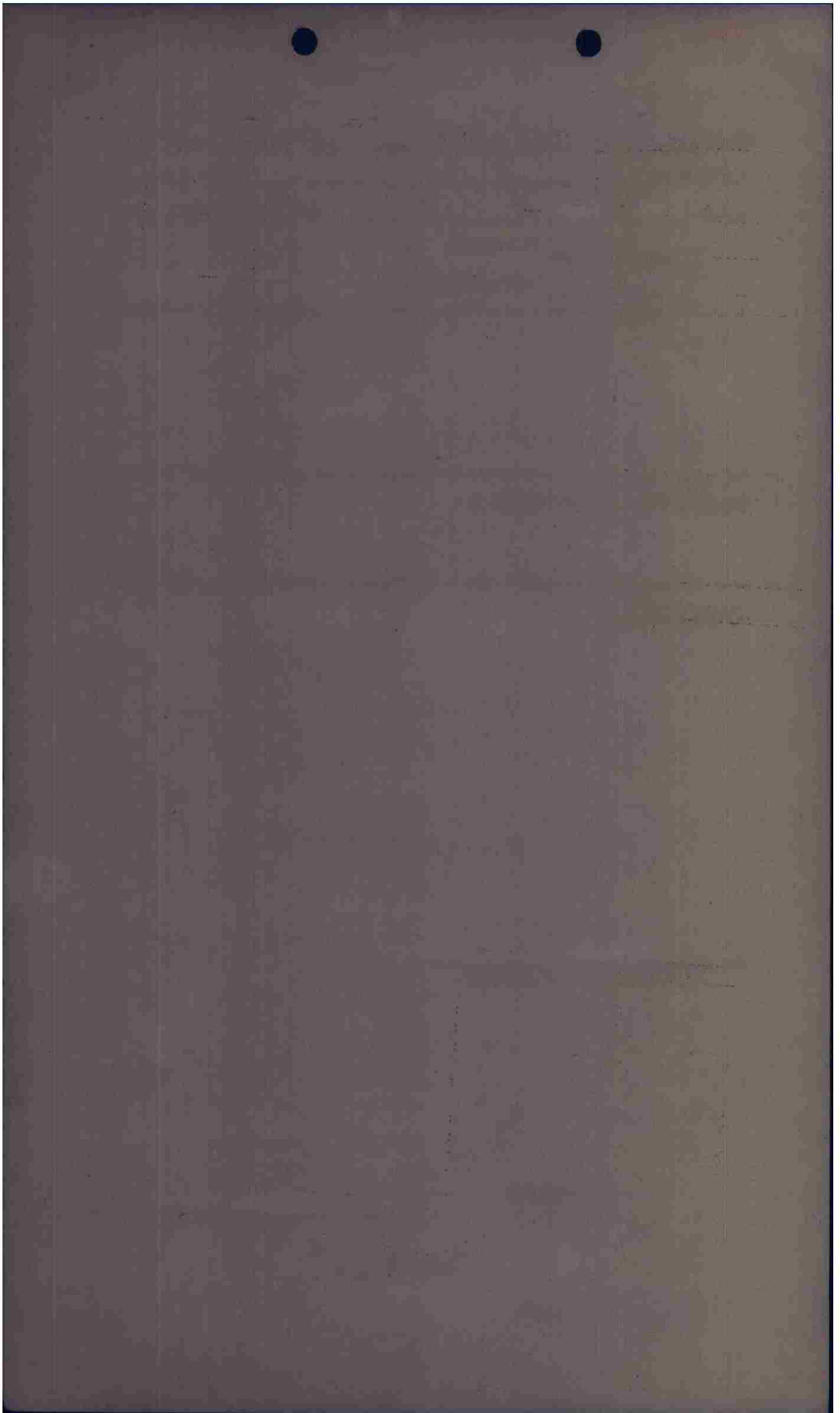
X (SPARE)

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PILOT Cannon A/C# 213 BOX I FLT I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	QUANTITY	ACTION	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
X	4	1000 ON			
X		RETURNED			
X		JETTISONED			

FLAK :

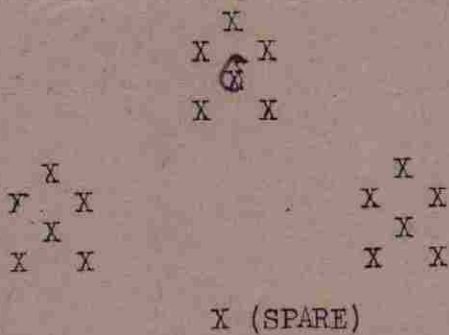
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

woods

Camera

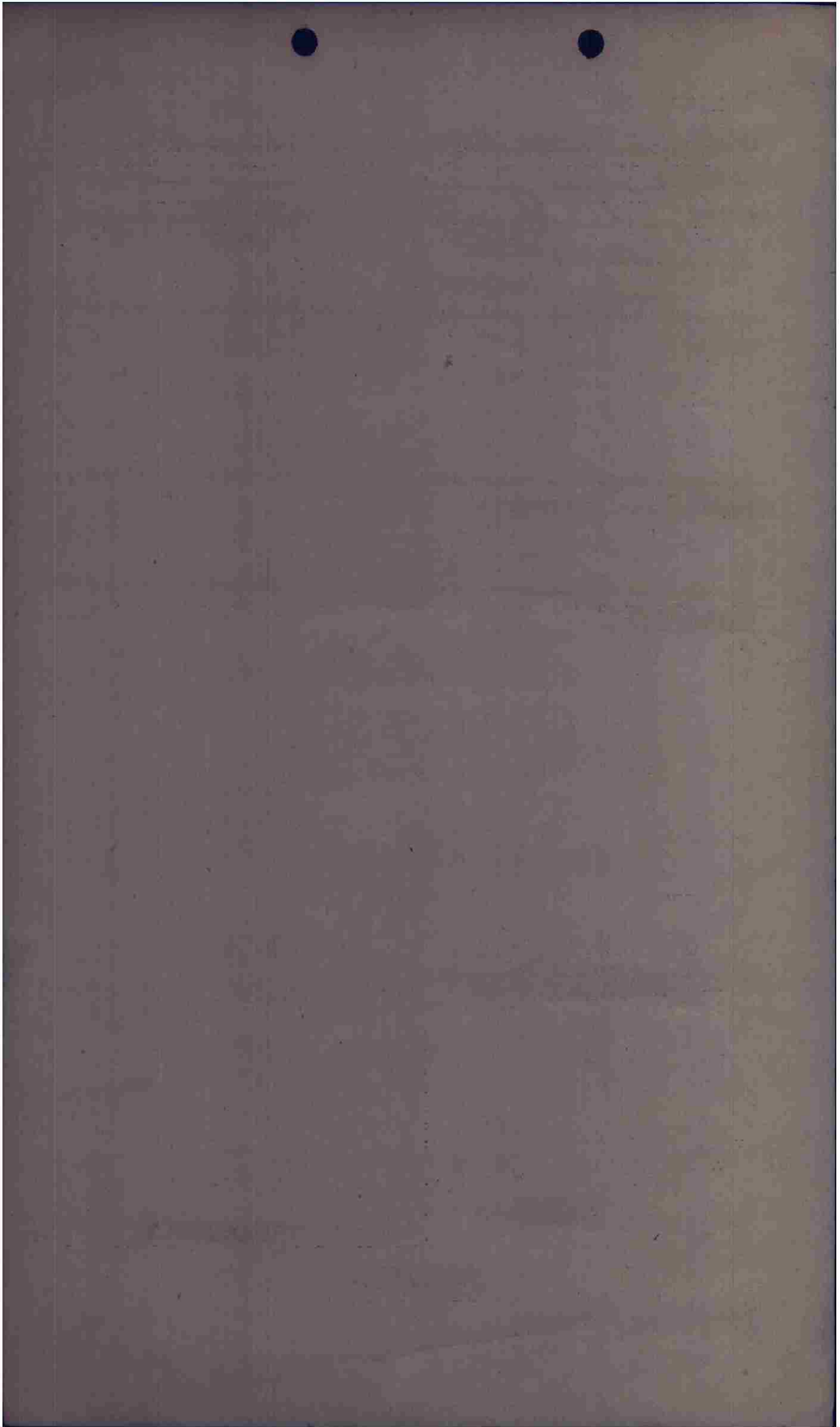
POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Bob Bell A/C# 354 BOX I FLT 11

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	X	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u>	X	<u>1100</u>			
	X	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED			

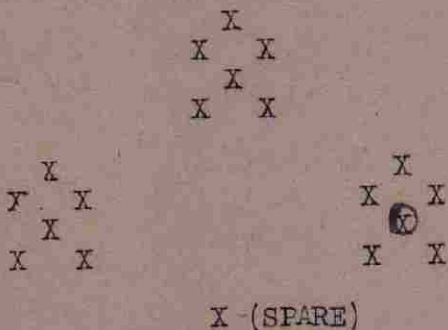
FLAK :

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : bombs out of 197 area.

Camera.

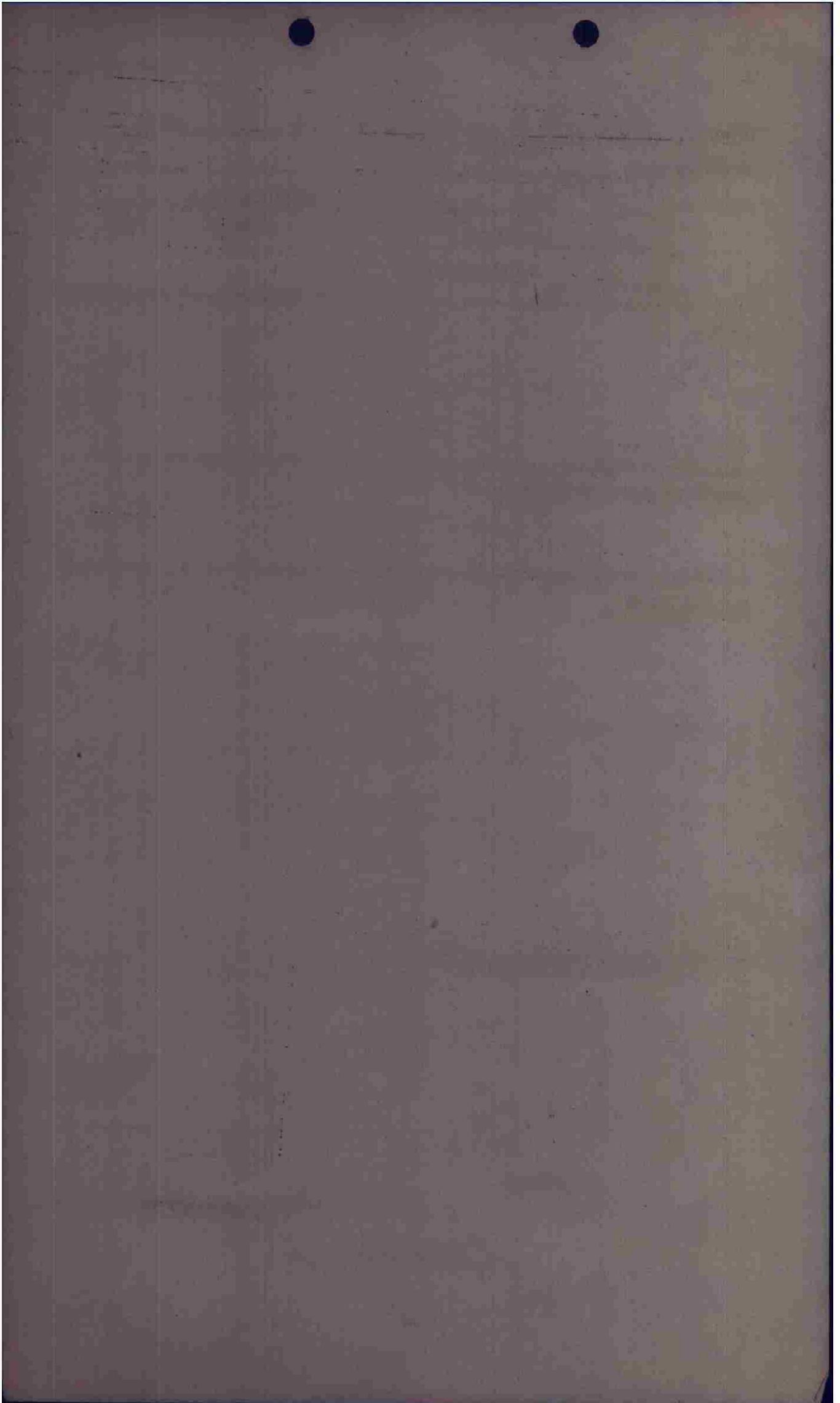
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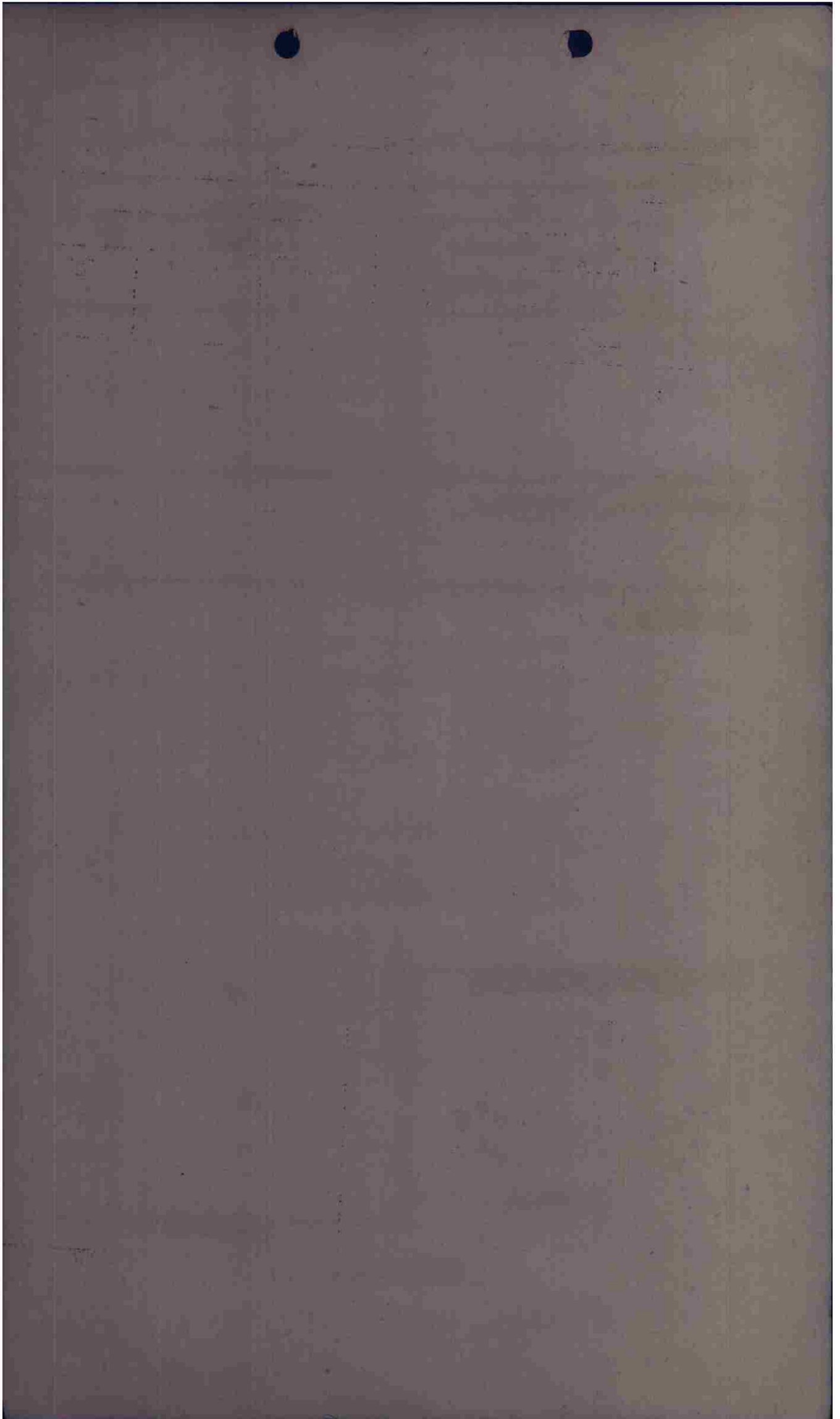


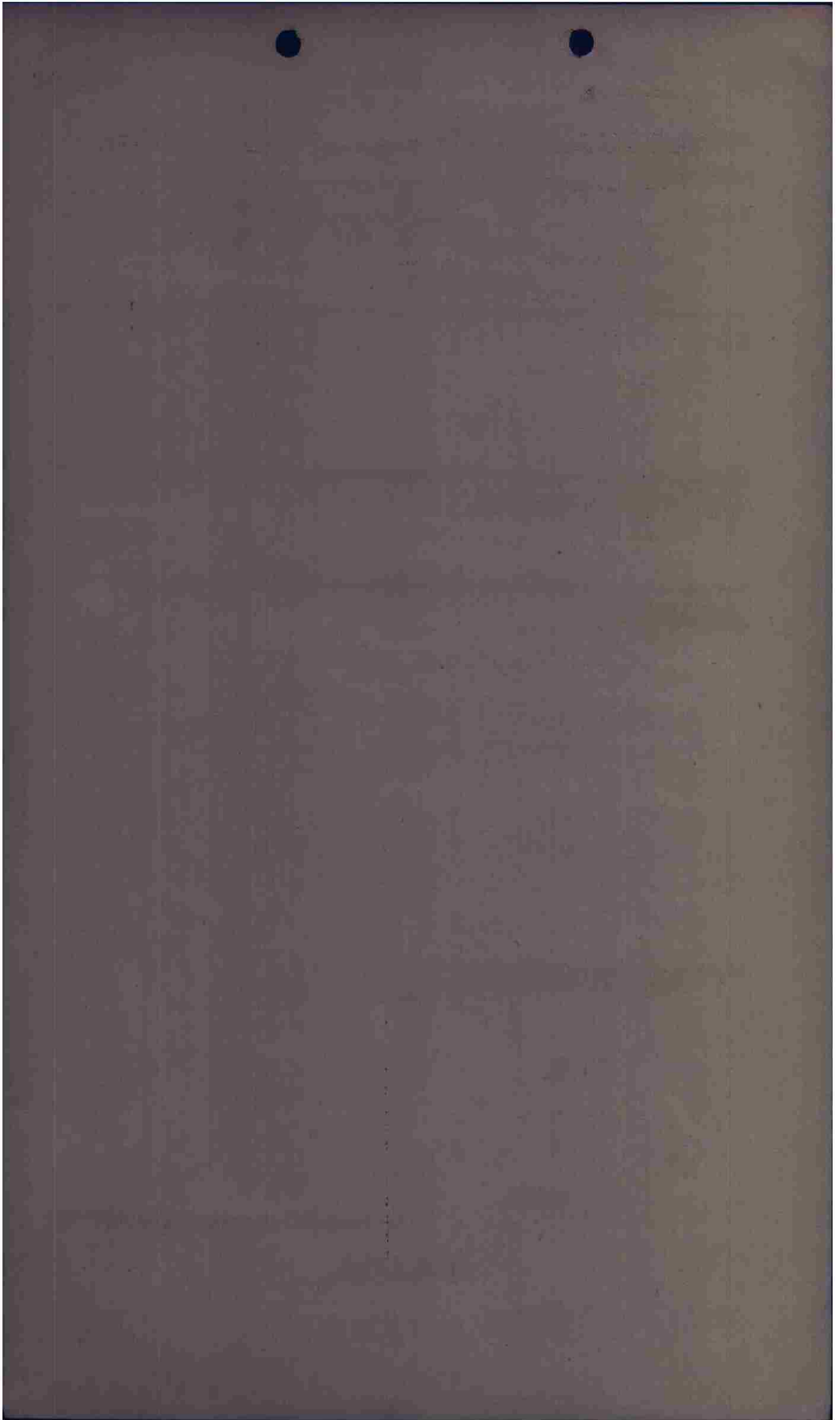
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INTERR. FORM

PILOT Simon A/C# _____ BOX II FLT II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :			BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u> X <u>1400</u> ON <u>P.</u>					
X	RETURNED				
X	JETTISONED				

FLAK : no flak.

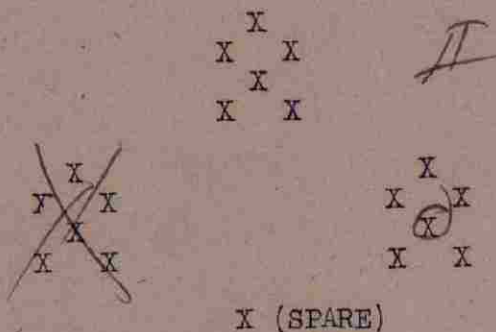
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

E/A reported

OBSERVATIONS :

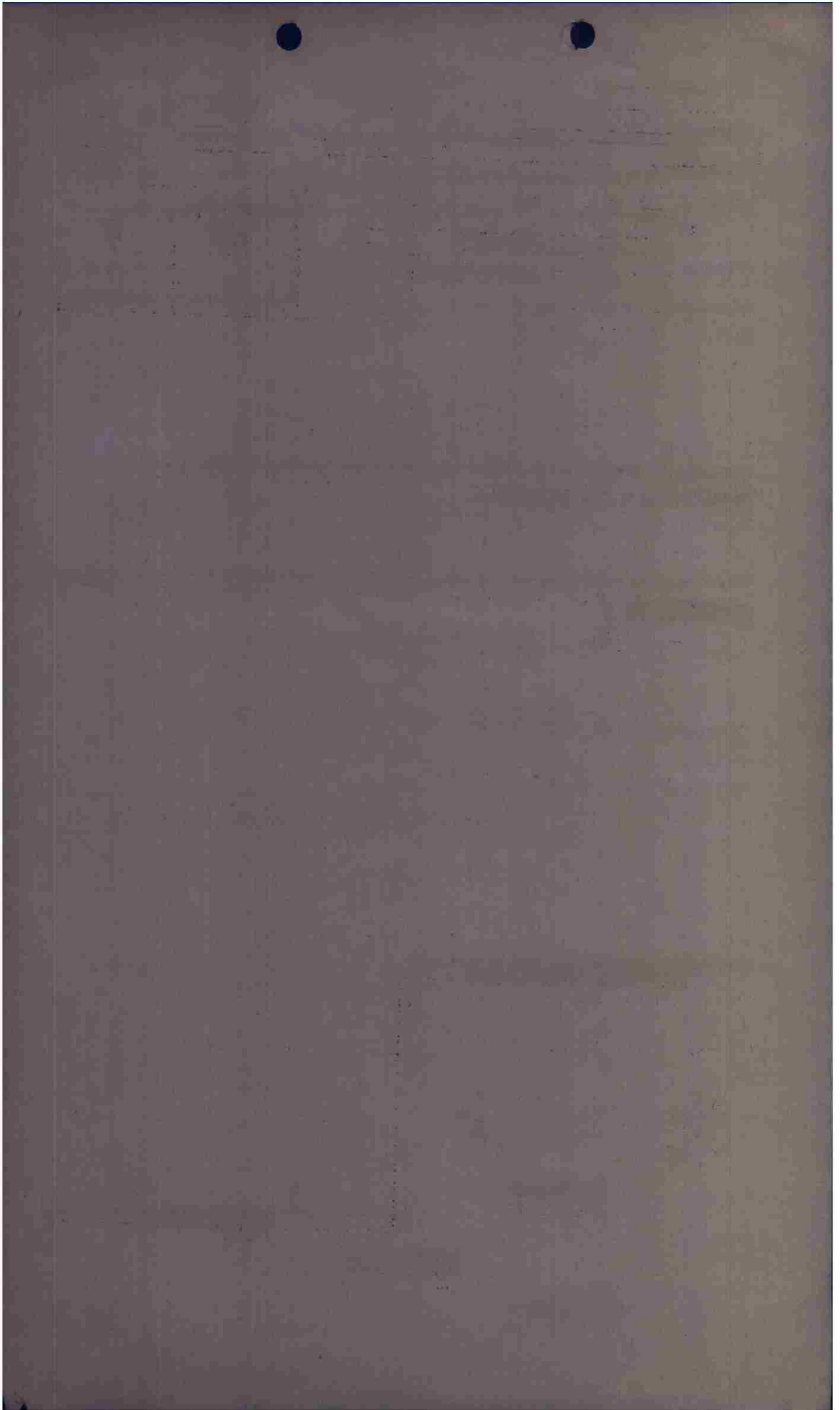
black haze at target -
could not see target.
3 - drums made on tgt -
could RP 3 times

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Edwards A/C# 250 BOX II FLT 4

CASUALTIES _____ nil

BOMBS : <u>4</u>	X <u>1000</u>	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
	X	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED		<u>nil</u>	

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

Dropped on fl. leader on 3^d run.

Haze - no observations

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X
     X X

  X   X   X
  X   X   X
  X   X   X

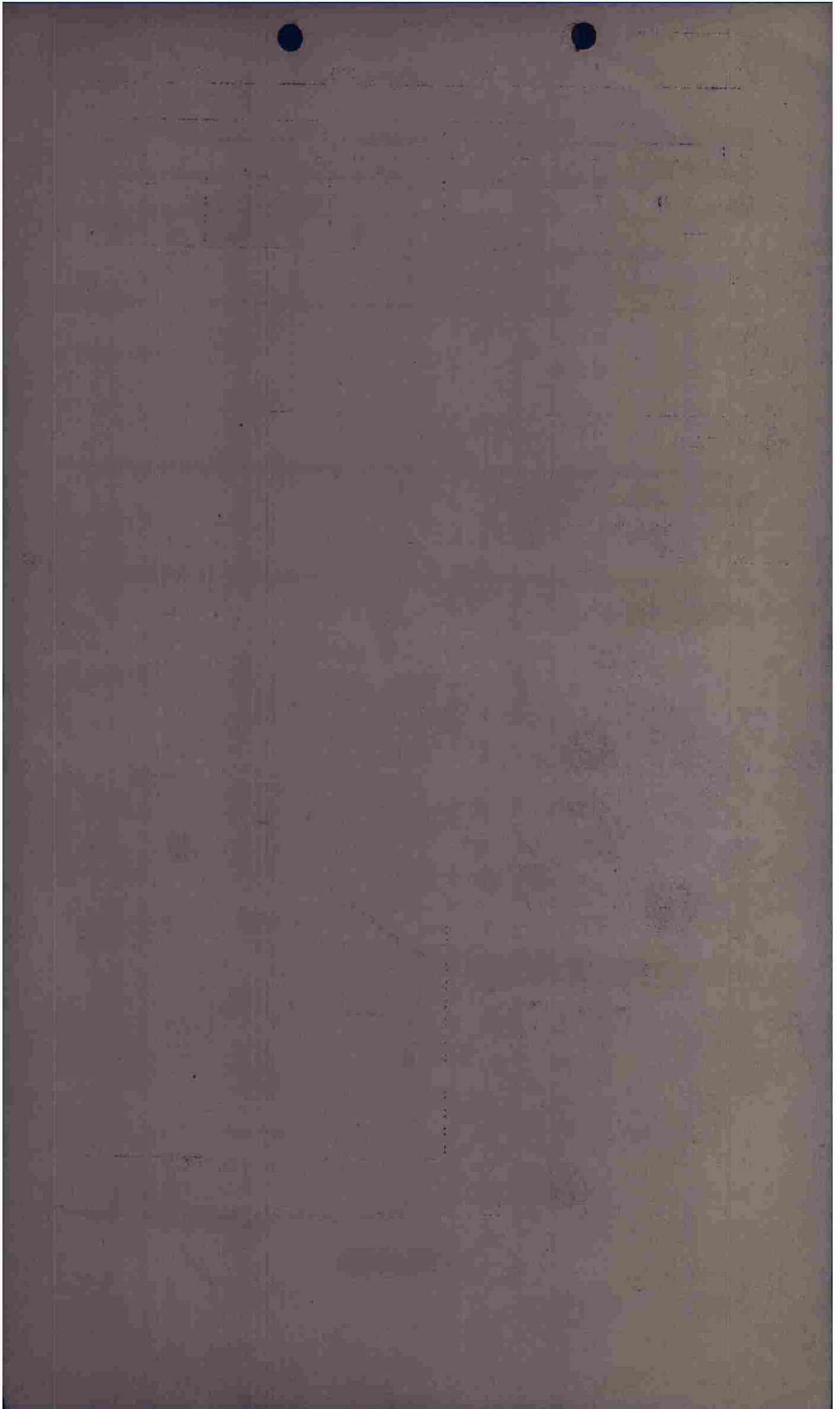
      X   X
     (X) X X
      X   X
      X   X

X (SPARE)
    
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PILOT Bennedy A/C# 416 BOX II FLT I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
			"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u>	<u>X/100</u>	<u>ON</u>			
	X	RETURNED			
	X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS :

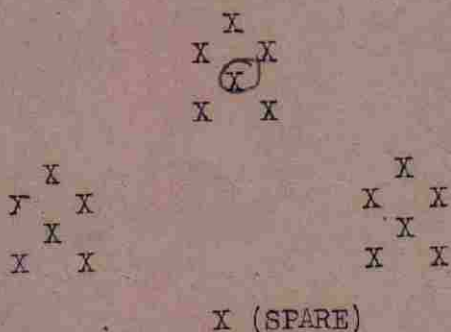
rocket seen coming up in groups of
sit ~~west~~ east and north of Tgt several
miles.

all small towns burning. Several
heavily bombed.

single ptr bombing.

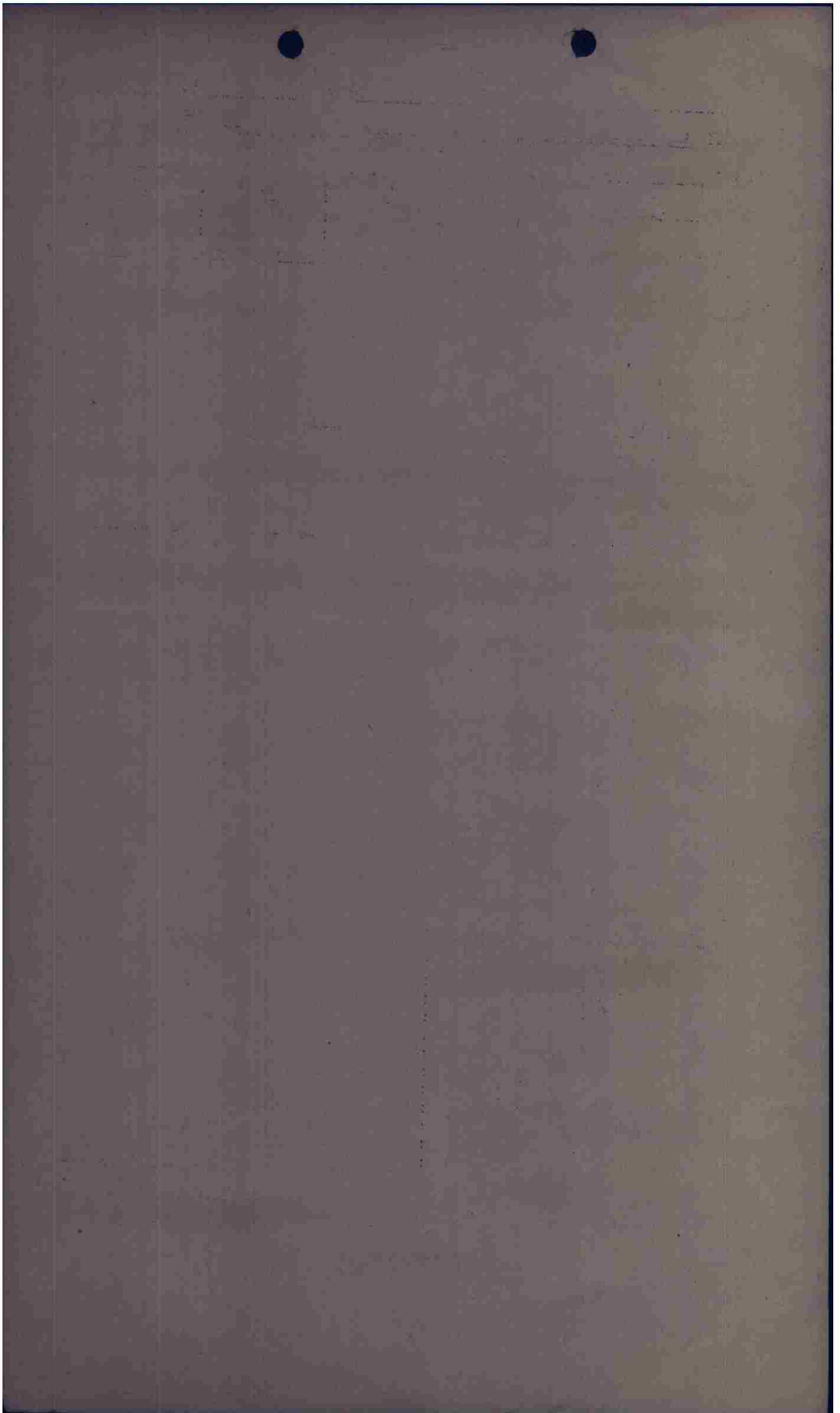
bombes fell in river bed in good
pattern. couldn't see bridge.

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PILOT Shamba

A/C# 307

BOX II

FLT I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS : 4 X 1000 ON P.

BATTLE DAMAGE

X RETURNED

"A"

"A-C"

"E"

X REPTISONED

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

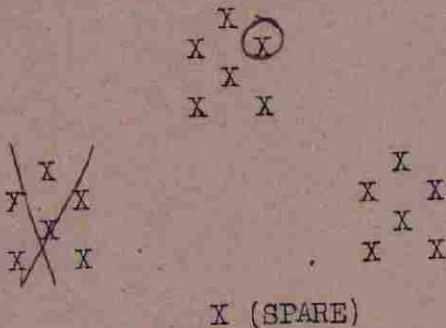
Ample support - no E/A

OBSERVATIONS :

passes at tgt. very good cover.
Believe flt hit

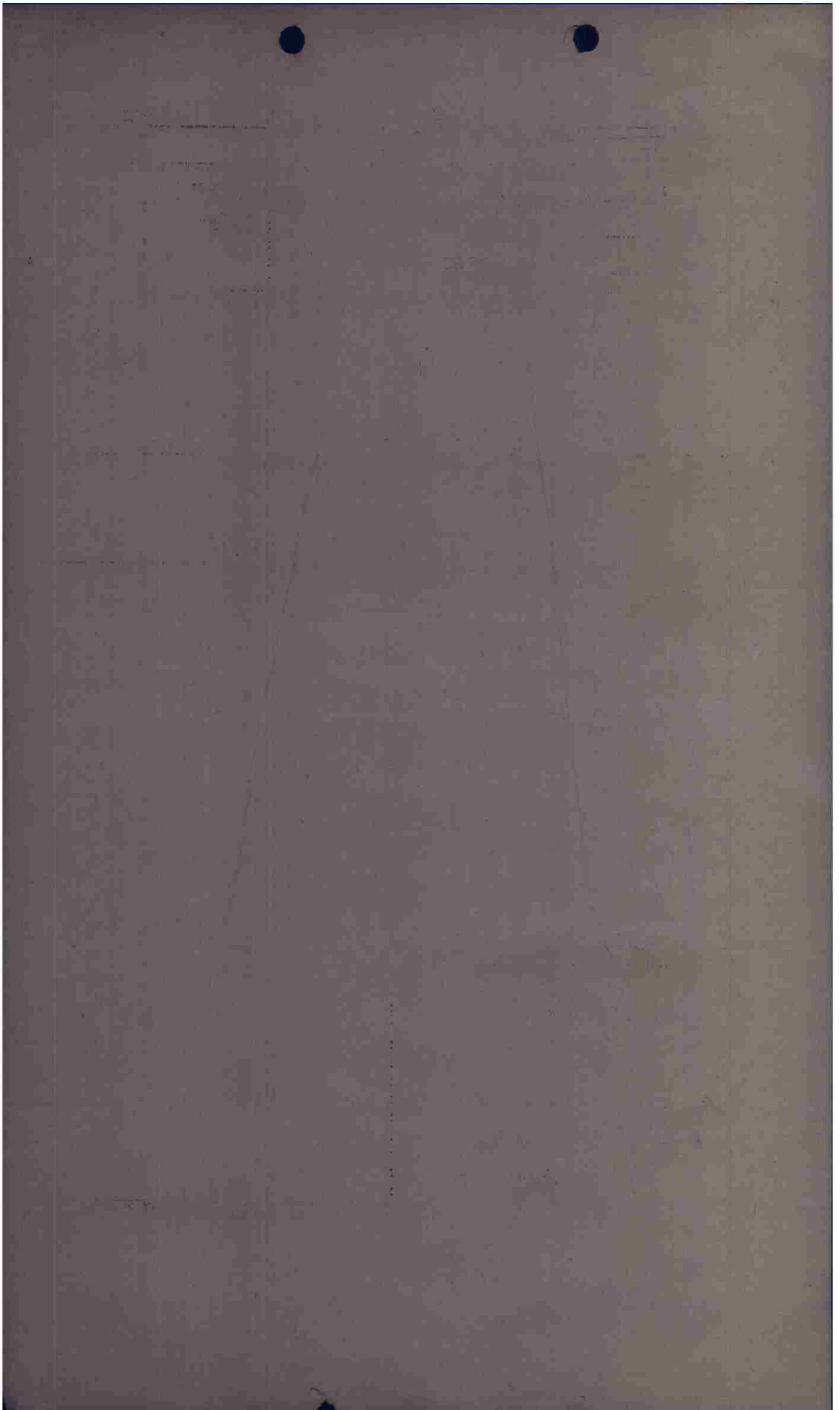
+gt.
alt.

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PILOT Renny A/C# 528 BOX II FLT I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :		BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u>	<u>X 1000</u> ON			
<u>X</u>	RETURNED			
<u>X</u>	JETTISONED		<u>nil</u>	

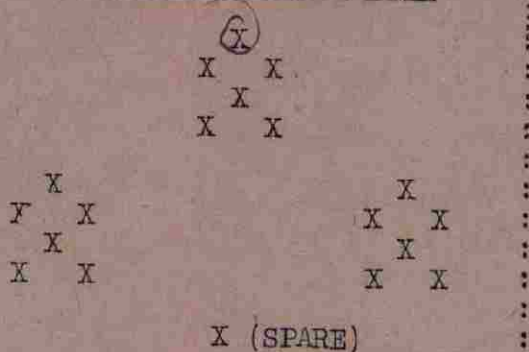
FLAK : nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

OBSERVATIONS : 4 Runs. Haze.
Bombs in SE of target - fields. Impossible to pick up target in haze until right over it.

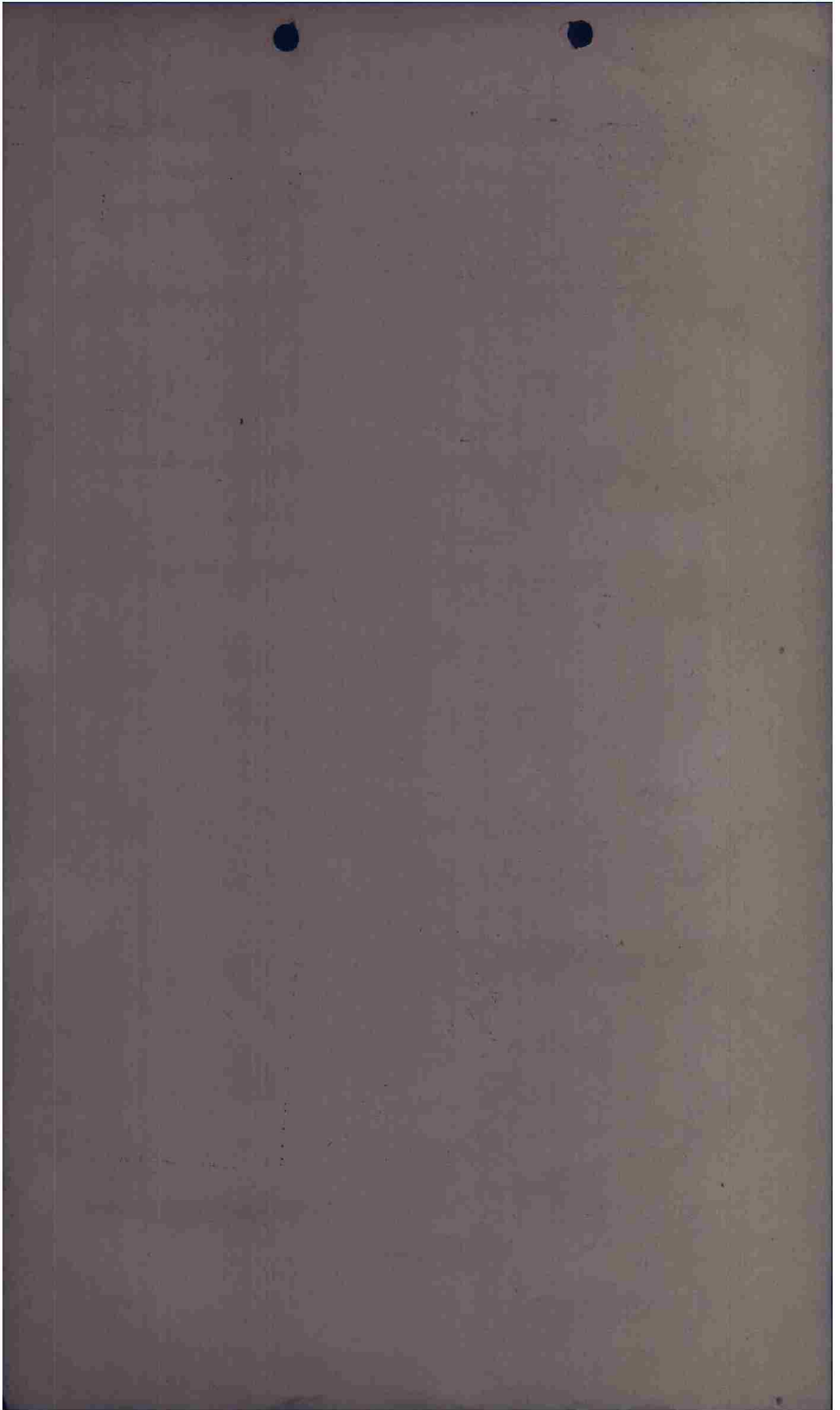
Release 1531 1/2
 IAS 210
 alt 10,000
 axis 003°

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Don A/C# 498 BOX V FLT I

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	4	X	1000	ON	P	BATTLE DAMAGE		
						"A"	"A-C"	"E"
		X		RETURNED				
		X		JETTISONED	no			

FLAK :

3 Bombs
at BL not at us

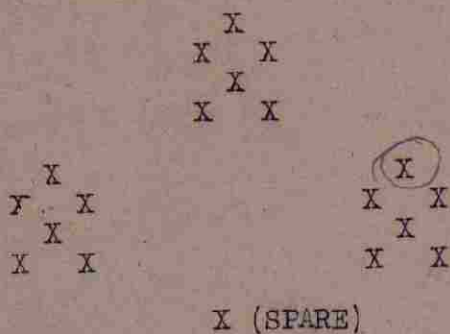
ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

109 Wags - 2 engine
at BL headed South
unidentified (3 in loose formation)

OBSERVATIONS :

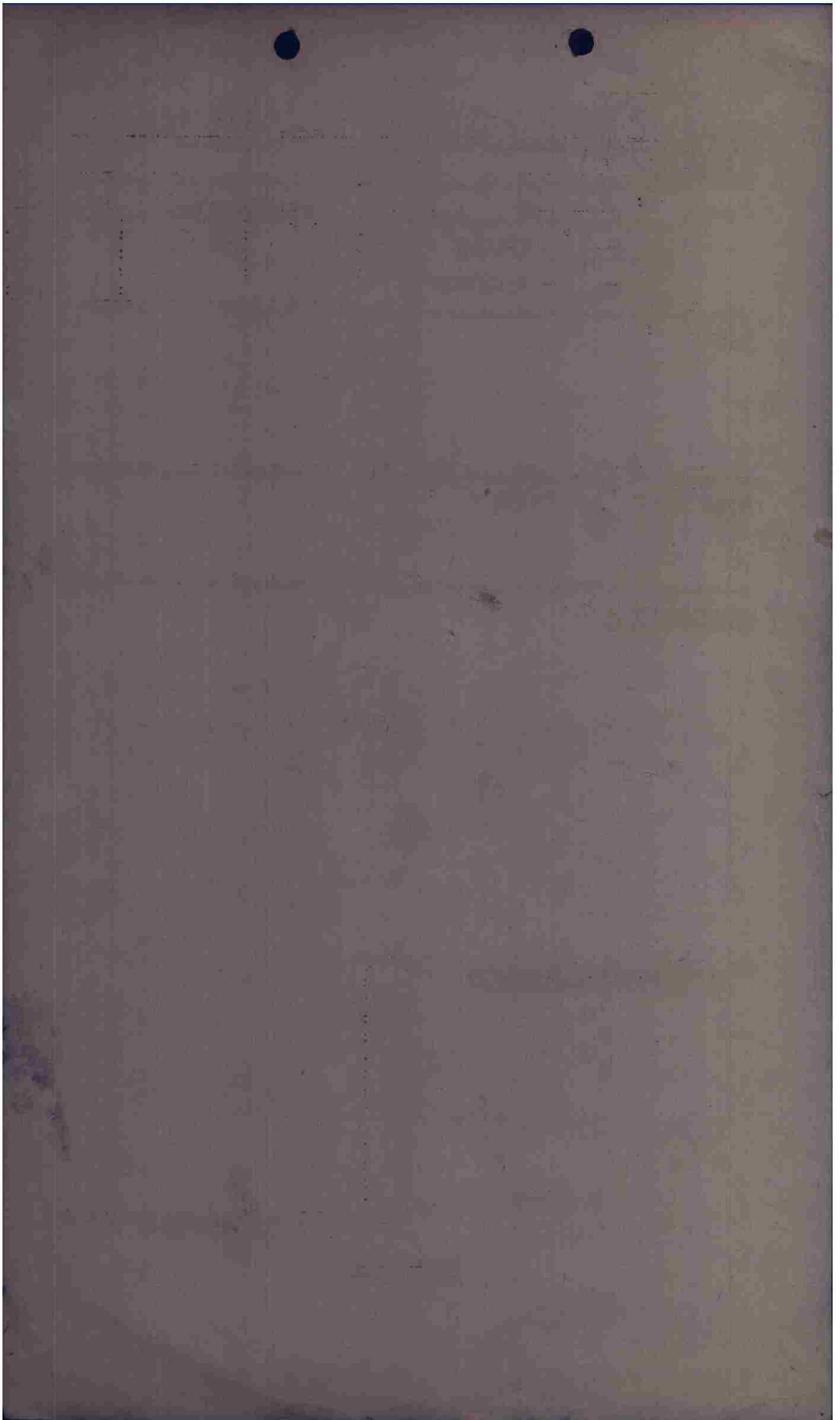
160° mag.
11,000
205
1520 1/2
Excellent
Have started 20 mi from target.
Made 2 runs on
target heading, could not
see target until right on it
made third run out of
sun & bombed
was not to bomb.

POSITION IN FORMATION



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PILOT Mace A/C# 309 BOX # FLT #

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>	<u>P</u>			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED			

FLAK :

Saw few bursts at other formation

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

Bandits reported in area, not recognized.

OBSERVATIONS :

3rd run OK.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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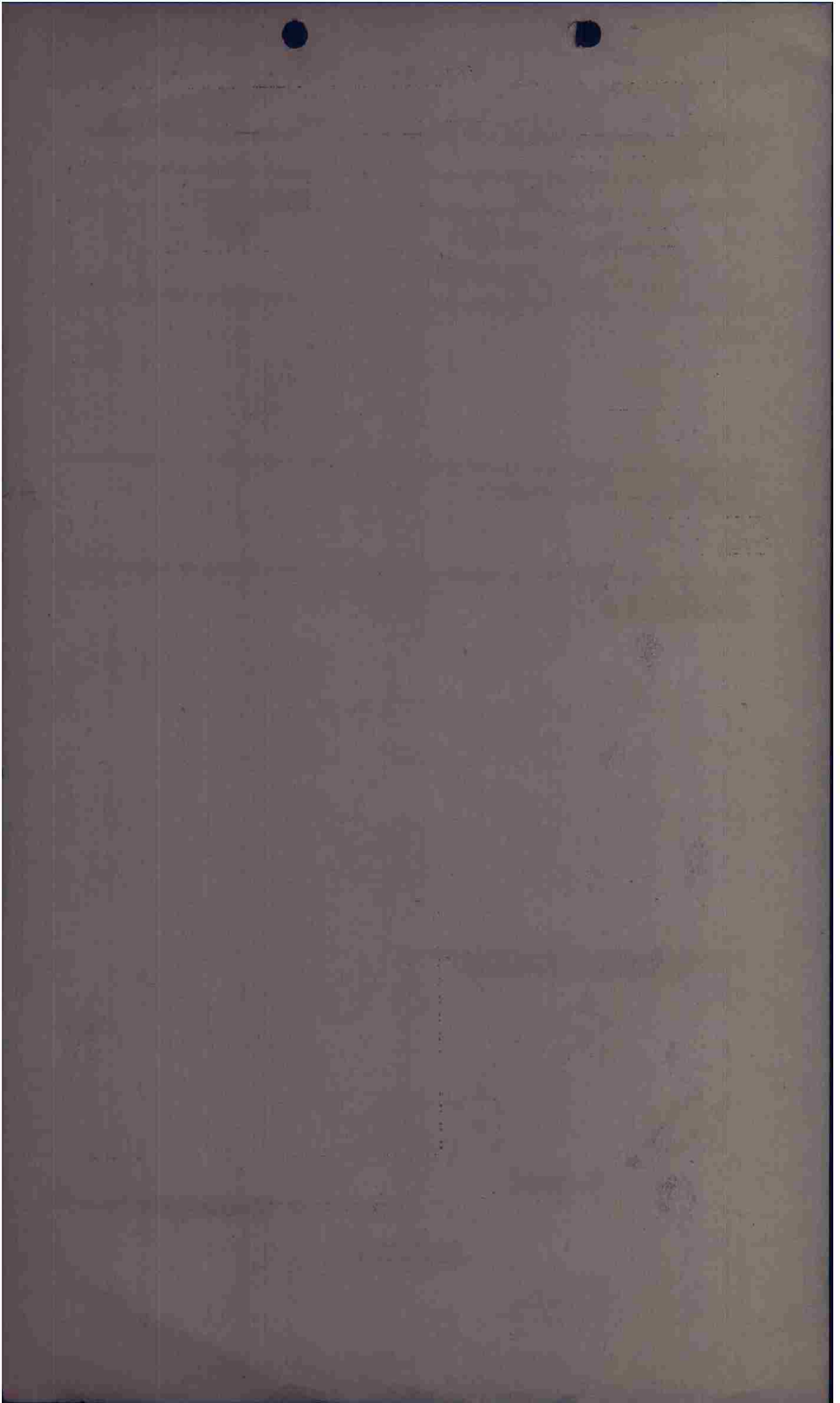
      X
     X X
      X
     X X

X      X
F X   X
X      X
X      X

      X
     X X
    X X
   X X
  X (SPARE)
    
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PILOT Stankovic A/C# 223 BOX 11 FLT 1

CASUALTIES None

BOMBS :	<u>4</u> X <u>1000</u>	ON <u>Pr</u>	BATTLE DAMAGE		
	<u>X</u>	RETURNED	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"A-C"</u>	<u>"E"</u>
	<u>X</u>	JETTISONED	<u>None</u>		

FLAK :

None

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

None

OBSERVATIONS :

4 Runs on tgt
Bombed on flight
leader
Bombed visually
Very hazy at tgt.

POSITION IN FORMATION

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      X
     X X
      X X
     X (X)

X      X
Y      X
X      X
X      X

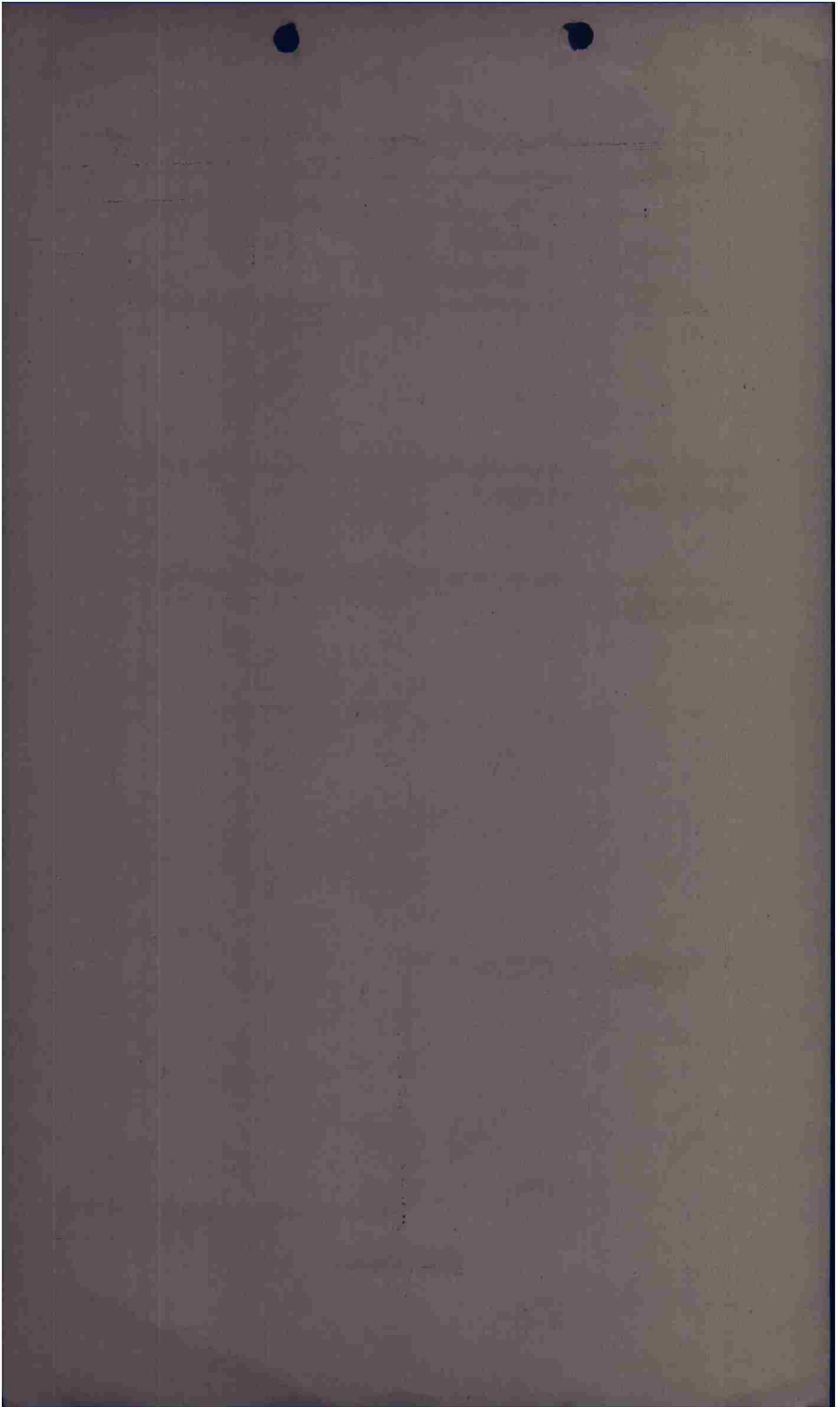
      X
     X X
      X X
     X X
X (SPARE)

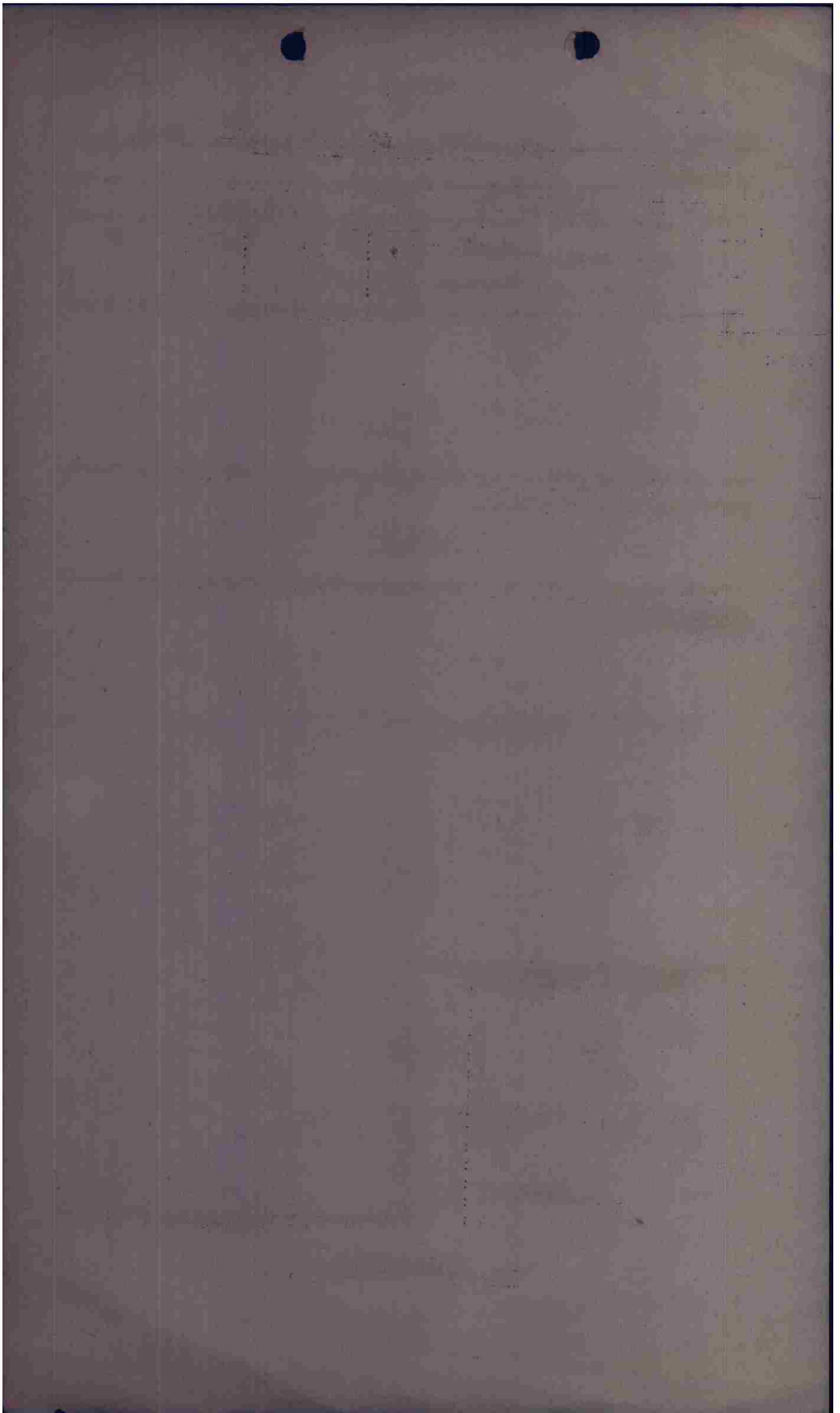
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PILOT Montgomery A/C# 515 BOX II FLT I

CASUALTIES _____

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
4 X	ON			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED	nil		

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

nil

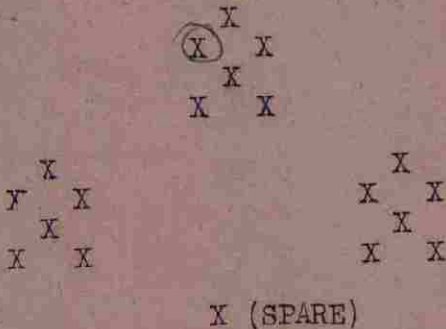
OBSERVATIONS :

Rosy - 11,200 (Departure in Sea Bu
 120
 210
 1532
 4 Bms -
 Properly hit short.

Disruptive

Balloons moored at stake
 Note - 473 were bombs
 Secondary target - Diller house

POSITION IN FORMATION

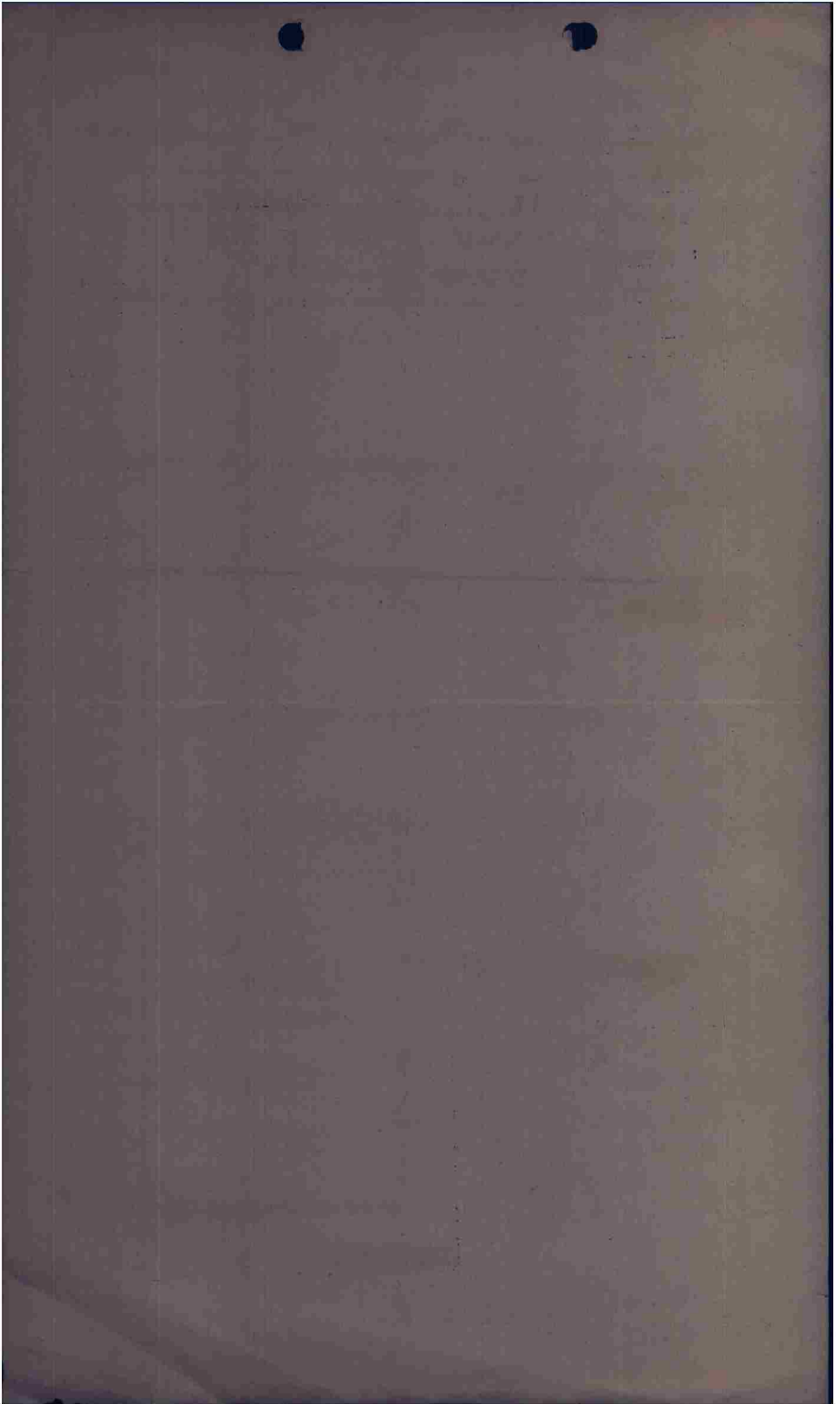


Many cars in BR yard
 at Corbach (IP)

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PILOT Smith

A/C# 224

BOX II

FLT II

CASUALTIES

BOMBS :	ON	BATTLE DAMAGE		
		"A"	"A-C"	"E"
4 X (1000)	ON			
X	RETURNED			
X	JETTISONED	nil		

FLAK :

nil

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERS :

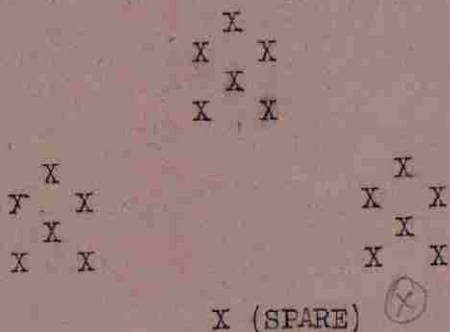
nil

OBSERVATIONS :

Bombs hit bldgs in target area - not bldgs.

Believe news damage to Wulfer - ammo dump was cause close enough - damage was heavy.

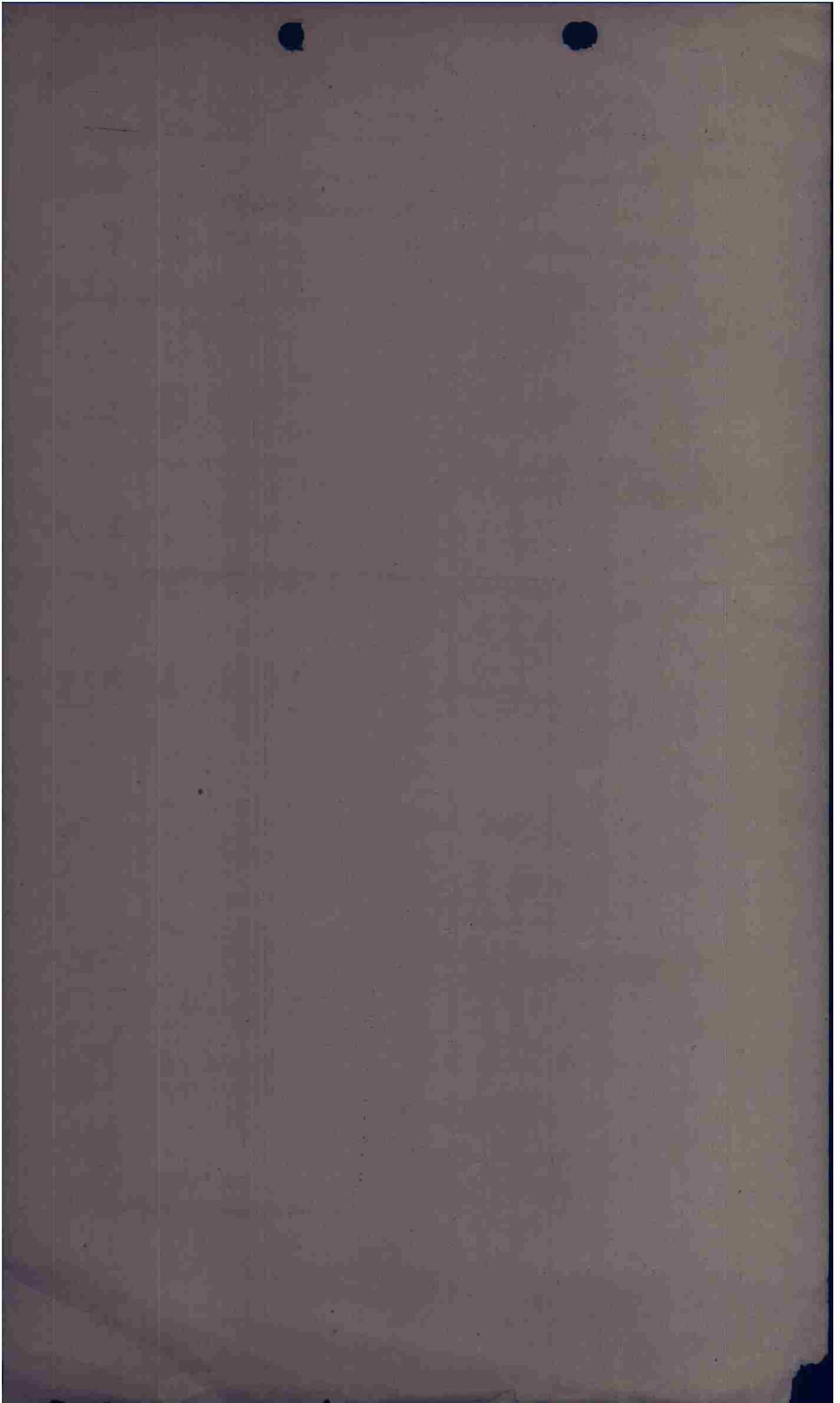
POSITION IN FORMATION

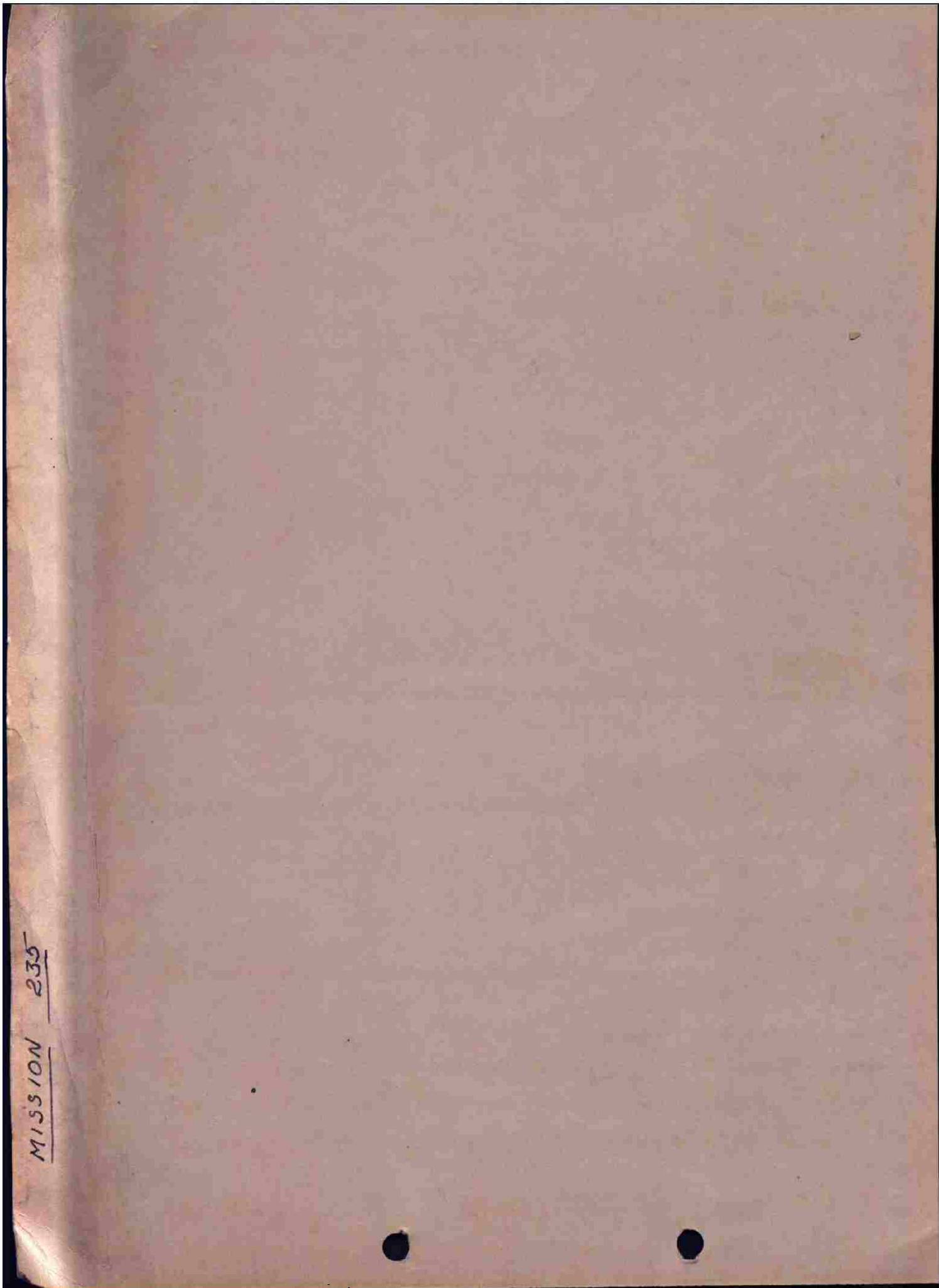


bombs dropped
3 bombs 30-100m late.

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